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'Poland, a test case'

Allies must take steps on sanctions -- Haig

BRUSSELS, Jan. 12. (Agencies) — A day after the NATO allies promised to consider sanctions against Poland and the Soviet Union, Secretary of State Alexander M. Haig declared Tuesday the allies must back their words with action.

"Monday, we created a clear and united framework for action," Haig said of NATO's declaration that focused responsibility for the Polish crisis on the Soviet Union. "Now we must act," he added. "If we cannot take steps commensurate with our words, then what shall remain of our self-respect and the respect of others for our values, our rights, and our purposes?" Haig asked. Haig made his remarks in a speech to European reporters.

Calling Poland "a test case" of Western resolve, Haig said Western credibility is at stake. "A Western failure to act would not only assist the repression of the Polish people but also diminish confidence about our reactions to future events in Poland and elsewhere," he said in his prepared remarks.

While he didn't spell out the kinds of actions he wants the allies to take, those are suggested in Monday's NATO declaration on Poland.

Haig told a news conference after the speech he believed that "restraints" in Poland still existed that could lead to a return to the relatively free atmosphere before the Dec. 13 military crackdown. He said: "It is the obligation of the Western world to find out what those restraints were and to try to reinforce and strengthen those restraints once again to elicit moderation."

"Poland cannot do it alone. It's going to need Western credits, it's going to need Western foodstuffs. The Soviet Union may feel it can do it alone, but it must understand that the price will be severe in East-West relations."

Martial law's end predicted

WARSAW, Poland, Jan. 12 (AP) — Polish Deputy Prime Minister Jerzy Ozdowski told Western reporters Tuesday the country's authorities "would like to end" martial law Feb. 1.

However, Ozdowski said there was no timetable for ending the state of emergency, which was declared Dec. 13. Ozdowski said the timetable for lifting military rule "depends on the situation."

In the past month, Premier and Communist Party Leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski and other Polish officials have pledged martial law will last not "a moment longer than necessary," but have not set a date for lifting it.

Ozdowski, a Roman Catholic appointed a deputy prime minister in November 1980, made his vague pledge of ending martial law by the end of the month at a press conference for foreign journalists.

At the same news conference, government spokesman Jerry Urban said the Polish

authorities would like to include Lech Walesa, head of Solidarity, in future agreements on trade unions.

Although Walesa's future is "unknown, he is such a personality that a place will be found for him in future agreements," Urban said.

Urban's hint at more union agreement by the authorities was tempered by a statement making plain that union activity had been banned from government institutions and ministries.

He admitted some persons had left their posts after the authorities had dissolved union locals in such institutions.

"We demand loyalty to the state," he said.

Both Urban and Ozdowski refused to say where Walesa has been held since the martial law crackdown, which has led to the internment of more than 5,000 Solidarity activists. Several hundred have been sentenced in trials by martial law courts. Walesa is believed to have been held under house arrest near Warsaw.

Elsewhere on the continent, still badly-hit were Czechoslovakia and West Germany, where an 11-year-old boy near Dachau died after an igloo he built caved in on top of him. In central Poland, floods engulfed large areas in the Plock region, forcing the evacuation of 12,000 persons and 9,000 animals, Radio Warsaw reported.

Meanwhile, the Polish PAP news agency reported that 14 of Poland's 49 departments had been declared disaster areas. In Czechoslovakia, temperatures dipped to minus 25 Celsius (-13 Fahrenheit) and the army was called in to dig out coal mines buried under two meters (six feet) of snow.

Dozens of persons died in the United States as temperatures plunged to some of the lowest ever recorded east of the Mississippi. The cold wave lashing Chicago reached an unprecedented minus 36 Celsius (-32 Fahrenheit), and dozens of midwestern roads were cut off by two meter (six feet) high snowdrifts.

Gas pipes and electricity cables were down in several states, forcing the closure of many schools and factories from the Great Lakes to Florida. A curfew was clamped on the Indiana town of Zionville to prevent looting in the 1,000 homes evacuated by residents who had lost their heating.

In snow-covered Britain, ice and freezing fog made highway conditions extremely dangerous. Visibility was only five meters (16 feet) in some locations and several traffic pile-ups were reported.

About 18,000 persons across Britain were still without electricity and 500 trucks and cars were snowed-up on roads in Wales. At least 10 weather-related deaths have been reported in the British Isles so far.

In Scandinavia, the Soviet Union, Belgium, and the Netherlands, the snow and cold had eased somewhat Tuesday, but turned to driving rain in Austria. Icing and drifts still slowed down much transportation and kept ferries from venturing into the freezing waters around Denmark, where ice-breakers were at work.

Yamani predicts slight fall in oil price

BEIRUT, Jan. 12 (AP) — Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani was quoted Tuesday as saying he expects a further drop in oil prices ranging from 50 to 70 cents per barrel and ruled out any chance soon of an Arab oil embargo against the United States.

"The market today is not a seller's market in which an embargo can be imposed," Yamani was quoted as saying in an interview published by *Al-Dustour*. The leftist magazine did not tie its question about chances of a new Arab oil embargo to the current Arab-Israeli crisis over Israel's annexation of Syria's Golan Heights. But it said the question was asked within the context of Yamani's insistence that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) should stay out of politics in order to survive.

Confirming that OPEC's latest conference in Abu Dhabi last month had refused to consider a Libyan request for sanctions against the United States, Yamani was quoted as saying: "We do not deal with political matters in the organization."

Yamani predicted a further drop in oil prices in addition to last year's decrease that brought the rate down to an average of \$34 per barrel. "But the reduction in heavy oil prices is greater than that of light crude. So if fuel oil remained low in price, the prices of crude will decrease more than they already did," Yamani said.

Asked how much would this further drop be, Yamani was quoted as saying "from 50 to 70 cents" a barrel. He did not say specifically when the next price drop might materialize, however. Told of complaints by other OPEC producers like Libya, Iran and

Nigeria that Saudi Arabia's high oil exports were contributing to the current glut on the world market, Yamani said: "Our production ceiling stands today at 8.5 million barrels a day. The strength of the market might lead us to decrease production and conditions might arise that would force us to reconsider this ceiling. But I do not expect that to happen. All depends on developments in demand."

Yamani said he expects demand will increase sometime this year because Western consumer nations will have to increase their oil reserves. At present, he said, supply exceeds demand and this is causing the glut but the surplus "is bound to be exhausted at one time or another, depending on the economic recovery in leading industrialized nations."

Soviet pullout, return of refugees

Shahi sets terms for talks on Afghanistan

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan, Jan. 12 (AP) — Pakistan's future negotiations with the Soviets or the Afghan rulers must include a definite timetable for withdrawal of Russian troops from Afghanistan, Foreign Minister Agha Shahi said Tuesday.

Shahi made the demand while addressing members of the advisory council, nominated by the government to fill the gap created by disbanding parliament.

Shahi said negotiations for safe return of nearly 2.5 million Afghan refugees to their homeland also "must inevitably lead to consideration of... withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan within an agreed time-frame." He described the troop withdrawal by the Soviets as "the central issue to be addressed in negotiations for a political solution of the Afghan crisis."

He said "there is widespread doubt that the Soviet Union will ever withdraw its occupation forces from Afghanistan." The Soviets have said in the past they need guarantees that there will be no alleged Western and Pakistani interference in Afghanistan.

Shahi said "Pakistan has expressed its readiness to participate in discussions on guarantees of non-interference to satisfy the Soviet condition for a political settlement leading to withdrawal of the Soviet forces."

Shahi said his government favors moves for a relaxation of tensions in relations between

the Soviet Union and the United States and welcomes a projected summit meeting this year between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev.

He said the Soviet Union's December 1979 military intervention in neighboring Afghanistan had dealt a "severe strain" to Pakistan's relations with Moscow, adding that the presence of an estimated 85,000-100,000 Soviet troops in Afghanistan remains a "key issue which continues to be of the deepest concern," not only to Pakistan but to the Gulf region as a whole.

In the wake of the intervention in Afghanistan, Pakistan has forged a new relationship with the United States, Shahi said. He termed as "realistic" the Reagan administration's offer of \$3.2 billion in economic and military sales to Pakistan to help strengthen its security and economic viability.

Shahi said Pakistan is fully aware of "the unwarranted campaign which alleged that in return for the U.S. aid package, the United States demanded concessions such as bases on Pakistan's soil, and that the demand was met."

He described these allegations as "totally baseless."

On other issues, Shahi was highly critical of continued U.S. support to Israel. He said "even the power and influence of the United States has not been able to restrain Israel

from flagrant actions of lawlessness and aggression against Lebanon and Iraq and wanton attacks against hapless men, women and children in the Palestinian refugee camps."

He said Pakistan supports the Islamic countries of the Middle East in their struggle against Israel, and described Saudi Arabia as a country "close to our hearts."

Shahi also spoke of Pakistan's nuclear program. He said "despite the various initiatives that we have taken at the United Nations to halt the spread of nuclear weapons, an unprecedented campaign has been launched against our peaceful nuclear program and tremendous pressures have been brought to bear on Pakistan to give up its right to obtain nuclear technology for peaceful uses."

Pakistan retains world hockey title

BOMBAY, Jan. 12 — Defending champions Pakistan retained the World Hockey Cup when they beat West Germany 3-1 in a thrilling final here Tuesday.

The fleet-footed Pakistanis overcame from a 1-0 deficit to lead 2-1 at the breather before coming out victors.

Earlier, Australia, unlucky not to reach the final, easily defeated the Netherlands 4-2 to finish third. (Related story page 8).

Peking, Taipei annoyed by Reagan decision

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (R) — President Reagan's decision on the sale of military aircraft to Taiwan has not pleased either mainland China or the Nationalist authorities on the island, but for different reasons.

Although the United States denied Taiwan's request for a new advanced fighter, China protested Tuesday because sales of other aircraft and arms to the Nationalists would continue. It insisted that the issue be resolved by talks between Washington and Peking. Taiwan said it took exception to the

U.S. decision not to sell it the advanced aircraft.

The question of U.S. arms sales to Taiwan has been an increasing irritant in relations between Washington and Peking, with China saying the sales are a violation of its sovereignty over the island. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman voiced the protest in Peking as U.S. Assistant Secretary of State John Holdridge held a second day of confidential talks on the subject with Chinese officials.

However, the foreign ministry spokesman's carefully-drafted statement made no reference to President Reagan's decision to deny Taiwan the more advanced aircraft, which diplomats in Peking said represented a major U.S. concession to China.

The Chinese statement made no mention of earlier implicit threats to downgrade relations with Washington if it did not back down over the arms sale issue. The State Department said in Washington Monday that the U.S. had concluded that Taiwan's defense needs could be met for the foreseeable future by replacing its ageing aircraft with comparable fighters and by extending a Taiwanese F-5E production line.

Peking is adamantly opposed to any foreign arms sales to the island and in what was widely regarded as a warning to the U.S. China downgraded diplomatic relations with the Netherlands last year after it approved the sale of two submarines to Taiwan. Diplomats in Peking said Tuesday's official reaction by China appeared to be a holding statement while it considered its next move.

Some doubted that Peking would downgrade diplomatic relations over the issue, in view of the restraint shown by the Americans and global strategic considerations. But they said gesture such as the recalling of the Chinese ambassador in Washington for consultations could not be ruled out. However, most diplomats said they did not believe trade relations would be affected substantially, since the Chinese needed American grain, cotton and technology, particularly in the field of offshore oil.

White House trying to benefit from AWACS deal lobbying

By Nan B. Anthony
Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 — Using the sale of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia as an example, a panel of Washington experts attempted to analyze the current state of presidential-congressional relations in terms of foreign policy after the Reagan administration's first year in office.

"After four months of digging itself a very deep hole regarding this issue, the White House showed a remarkable ability to dig itself out and the sale was ultimately approved," commented an analyst of government and foreign policy affairs.

But, "the commentator cautioned, 'administration officials should not take the approval of the sale as a strategic victory, primarily because the tactics they used were 'negative' and those of 'last resort.' Speaking at a conference on presidential-congressional relations, I.M. Destler, research scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace, told the assembled group of "Reagan-Congress watchers" that the White House made a grave mistake by announcing its intention to make the sale and then, essentially, doing nothing for the next four months.

"This gave the opposition forces time to do their homework and line up votes against the measures and this they did very effectively," Destler observed. "In the end, the president had to resort to a 'call to party' and 'call to the presidency' to win back votes in the Senate."

"October, the month of the vote, began with 20 Republican senators publicly on record opposing the sale. In the next three weeks, that number was reduced to eight, but only with the most intensive effort by the White House, aided by Senate majority leader Howard K. Baker. All manner of 'face-saving' tactics had to be contrived for those who had previously committed themselves, however unwise that may have been in retrospect," Destler concluded.

Former Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird agreed that the Congress had not been lobbied properly on the issue but he faulted the departments of defense and state for their handling of the issue from the very beginning. "The sale of AWACS planes in itself was not a major foreign policy issue," Laird said. "It should never have gotten to the White House in the way that it did."

"The Defense Department, in particular, gave the White House very misleading figures about how much opposition to expect in the Congress and on the basis of this they did not start their campaign to enlist support early enough," according to Laird. Laird, a former member of the House of Representatives for 16 years, is currently a member of the American Enterprise Institute's Advisory Council on National Security Affairs.

Another panelist, Douglas Bennet, former assistant secretary of state for congressional relations under Jimmy Carter, agreed with the general state of "bankruptcy" of the Reagan administration's foreign policy. "What we have seen for the past year is essentially an absence of policy — on all fronts."

"The lessons of AWACS," stated another panelist, "should include the dangers of perpetuating a 'partisan split.' "It would be pernicious in the extreme for the Reagan administration to assume that they will have that kind of partisan support on other issues," observed Alton Frye, chairman of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Heading toward Canada

84 killed by Arctic freeze

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (APF) — The Arctic freeze sweeping both sides of the Atlantic has so far killed at least 84 persons, including 65 in the United States, as snow and sub-zero temperatures continued to hamper rescue efforts in many locations.

While a slight thaw came to some parts of Europe, the blizzard whipping across eastern and midwestern United States worsened as it headed toward Canada. The New York city of Buffalo — where the memory of a severe mid-1970's storm is still fresh — was again paralyzed. Driving winds there reached 100 kph per hour, and firemen had to rope themselves together to evacuate residents from an unheated building.

Snow, flooding, and icy winds snapped power and communications lines and continued to block traffic in Europe and America. In Britain, several villages in Wales were still cut off by the snow and food was reportedly running low. In France, some 200,000 homes in the north and west were without electricity early Tuesday.

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Kingdom's M.E. role lauded by Sen. Percy

By Alan Kenney

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — U.S. Senator Charles Percy left the Kingdom Tuesday evening to continue his Middle East tour, official sources reported. Percy, who is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and the sub-committee on energy, spent Tuesday touring the industrial city of Jubail on the Arabian Gulf coast.

Regarding his talks with Crown Prince Fahd, Percy said they covered a wide range of topics — especially Middle East and U.S.-Saudi relations. "I've found general agreement in our views that the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East is a pressing necessity and that a peaceful settlement has to ensure the rights of all states in the region to live in peace," the spokesman said.

"I also have expressed my appreciation for Saudi Arabia's contribution to the efforts to achieve a lasting resolution of the Lebanese crisis and the assurance that they will actively support a continuation of the cease fire by all parties," Percy's departure statement said.

The senator also said that he looked forward to seeing Crown Prince Fahd when the leader visited Washington. During his visit, Percy also brought a message to King Khaled from President Ronald Reagan. Also during his visit, Percy met with Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, oil minister and observed a majlis held by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman.

"The majlis, as I observed it, is obviously an expression of the trust and respect the citizens of the Kingdom have in their leaders, and in turn the devoting of the Saudi Arabian leadership has for their citizens," Percy said. He called the majlis a "vivid example of responsive government in action."

After his visit to Jubail industrial city in the Eastern Region, Percy said it was a "most impressive tour of the new, futuristic industrial city." He said he saw dramatic and vivid evidence that Saudi Arabia... is working to use its only natural resource with efficiency and is planning for the day when even its oil resources run out.

"I was impressed that Saudi Arabia also is already using state of the art solar technology. By preparing now for the 21st century as it is doing, Saudi Arabia can both challenge and inspire the United States and the world," Percy statement added.

Percy said it is an excellent example of Saudi-American cooperation "to assist the Kingdom's development in a free enterprise economic system." He added that after meeting with U.S. businessmen in Riyadh he came away "more than ever" convinced that commercial and business ties are a strong bond "between us."

"I leave the Kingdom convinced of the strength of ties between Saudi Arabia and the United States — a strength that will continue to grow in the future to benefit both of our great people, and that also will lead to eventual peace and stability in the entire region," his statement added.

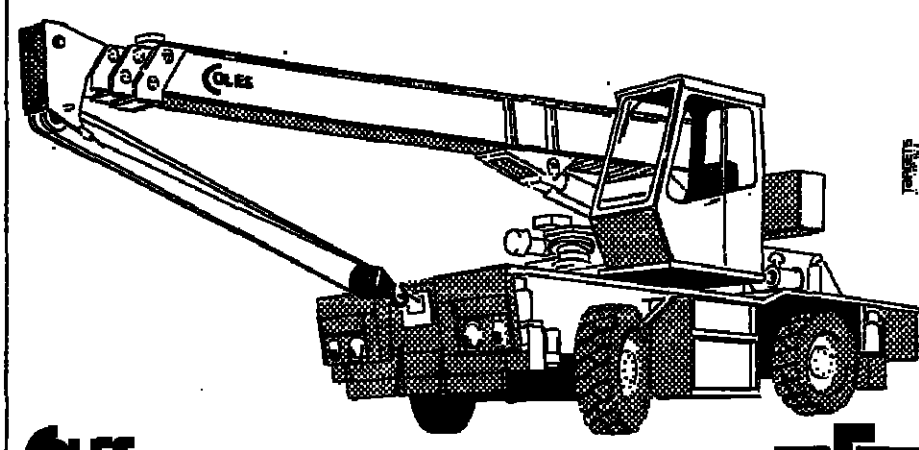
Fahd receives Austrian panel

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd received the leader of the Association of Christian Democratic Parties of Austria and an accompanying delegation at the Royal Court here Tuesday. The meeting was attended by the Austrian ambassador to the Kingdom.

Later, the crown prince received Sir James Craig, the British ambassador to the Kingdom.

In the evening, Prince Fahd welcomed the ulama as is customary every week.

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Council to study Gulf labor force

Ministers rap Iran; conclude conference

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Gulf labor ministers voted to conduct a study to identify and analyze the national and expatriate work force in order to determine which job categories could be filled by Arab workers. The study is necessary because of the absence of sufficient local manpower.

The study was one of several resolutions and recommendations approved by participants in the Arab Gulf Labor Ministerial Council at the end of their meetings here Monday night. The council assigned its follow-up committee to conduct the study, which was contained in a report prepared by the bureau's secretary general.

The ministerial council also asked the follow-up committee to maintain previous resolutions and recommendations. The committee also was requested to provide member states with working papers regarding a proposed five-year plan for labor and social affairs. The bureau will plan additional

detailed programs and joint labor and social projects, which could be implemented on the Gulf level.

The ministers favored closer cooperation with the region's universities, scientific centers and promoting contacts with the International Labor Organization (ILO) to benefit from its programs, technical and professional assistance, in addition to the resources of the Arab Labor Organization (ALO).

In political developments, the council denounced the conspiracy directed toward Bahrain and called on Gulf states to stand united against subversive activities. It also called on all peace-loving countries to denounce Iran's subversive conspiracy against Bahrain.

The Kingdom and Qatar, as members of the World Union for Child Care's executive

bureau, were charged with a fact-finding task pertaining to Israel and South Africa's membership in the union.

The labor and social affairs ministers of the Kingdom, Bahrain, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Oman and Iraq, began their conference here Saturday.

The council emphasized the important role played by social development centers in local societies and their connection to the development plans of Gulf states. In this regard, it called for carrying out the principles and methods proposed by the follow up bureau and the council's committee of experts.

The bureau and experts also recommended proposals for conducting studies on the conditions of social and labor services in the member states to find at a common principle

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SR452m road contracts let

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Minister of Communications Sheikh Hussein Mansouri signed two contracts here Monday for the building and paving of roads at an overall cost of SR452.73 million.

The project includes two portions: the Tathlith to Khamis Musait road which links Medha to Wadi Tanuba, and Tathlith to Madha with a total length of 85 kms. of paved road. The project will ensure a direct link between the Central and Southern regions, passing through several rural and urban areas and settlements.

On the other hand, Mansouri Monday met the Netherlands ambassador to the Kingdom Jon, to discuss various aspects of cooperation between the communications ministries of the two countries. The talks were in continuation of an earlier discussion held by the permanent secretary of the Netherlands Ministry of Communications and Works during his visit to the Kingdom last month.

TUNIS, (SPA) — Tunisian Prime Minister Muhammad Mzali received Tuesday Prince Faisal bin Fahd, president of youth welfare, who delivered a message from Crown Prince Fahd dealing with the relations between the two countries. Prince Faisal is here to lead the Kingdom's delegation to the Arab sports and youth ministers' conference which opened earlier in the day.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Makkah Deputy Governor Prince Saud bin Abdul Mohsen opened the Turkish Trade Exhibition at Nova Park hotel Monday night. The exhibition displays patterns of Turkish rugs, calligraphy and pictures portraying aspects of life in Turkey. Prince Abdul Mohsen expressed his admiration and called for more trade exchanges with Turkey — a cherished Islamic country.

RIYADH, (SPA) — Health Minister Dr. Hussein Al-Jazairi met Tuesday with Australian Health Minister Michael McKellar

Fund raising for UNICEF

Talal to visit South America

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Prince Talal bin Abdul Aziz, honorary assistant secretary general of the United Nations and special envoy of the UNICEF, announced here Tuesday that he will visit Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia and Colombia to urge those countries to give assistance to the UNICEF.

Prince Talal, who also is chairman of the Arab Gulf program for the U.N. development organizations, said that he will undertake another tour of African states to acquaint himself with the conditions of the peoples of poor countries, whose children need assistance during the next three months.

During his visit to Dacca, Prince Talal told a press conference that his mission would expire in April, and added that the continuation of his work would depend on the extent of response from the rich countries to

expend aid and assistance to the humanitarian organizations. He said the UNICEF has varied programs to help the peoples of the Third World adding that the Arab Gulf cannot provide, all the requirements of the U.S. organizations as this is the responsibility of the international community.

He said the Arab Gulf program is unique because the U.N. organizations agree, for the first time, to a direct supervision of their projects. This is a characteristic feature of the program which it finances and, at the same time, carries out supervision over the funds spent by the development organizations in the Third World countries. Prince Talal said. He added that Saudi Arabia has contributed \$60 million to help these development organizations. In fact, the Gulf program came into

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Saudi-Sino talks open new vistas of cooperation

By Devadas Kini
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — The meeting of the sixth session of the Joint Saudi-Sino Economic and Technical Cooperation Commission which concluded meetings in Riyadh Jan. 11 has gone a long way to strengthen the existing program of activities and open up new areas of cooperation between the two countries, according to William Chao, minister of economics of the Republic of China.

Chao told a press conference at Hyatt Regency Tuesday that eight joint working groups have been formed to review the past achievements and to plan new programs. The areas they will cover include science and technology, transportation and communications, agriculture, trade, industry and electricity, post and telecommunications, shipping and meteorology and environmental protection.

He said an agreement by the Saudi Arabian National Center of Science and Technology and the Republic of China's National Science Council "will usher in a new era of more sophisticated cooperation and will upgrade the level of technical cooperation from that of primary and intermediate technology to that of advanced science and high technology."

He said his country has made progress in the petrochemicals, textiles, iron, and steel and will be glad to share its knowledge with the Kingdom.

He revealed that discussions of general nature were held but no concrete steps were taken though a few suggestions were exchanged. He said that the visit of his delegation to the Kingdom was a goodwill mission. When asked about the reported \$100-million loan request by China he said: "We are a friend in need, not a friend in need."

with test plants for research on desalting problems.

A nine-workshop complex for training 300 people on operation and maintenance of desalination plants also will be built.

Saudi Arabia will provide \$27.9 million out of the cost while the Japanese government will pay the rest. The research and training centers will be set up in Yanbu.

The signing ceremony was attended by Abdullah Ghulaga, governor of the saline water conversion corporation (SWCC).

Ministry to introduce new public telephone services

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — The Ministry of Posts, Telegraph and Telephones plans to introduce more public facilities, such as time clock, waking call and hot lines, besides the existing facilities rendered through 900, 904, 905, 906, and 908.

The plan was considered during a monthly meeting of the ministry's orientation committee, headed by Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyat, PTT minister.

The committee discussed the Kingdom's participation in the Telecom'83 International Exhibition, which is organized every four years by the International Wireless and Telecommunications Federation in Geneva. The exhibition is considered as a good opportunity for the Kingdom to show its achievements during the second five-year development plan in the field of wireless and telecommunications, as well as its programs during the current five-year plan.

The committee reviewed a report by the Saudi Telephone on its performance and efforts being exerted to further improve the telephone services. A special committee was formed to pursue the recommendations issued by the orientation committee in this behalf.

An agreement was also reached to introduce a new system of complaint, according to which a subscriber will be asked to give his telephone number, the required number and the nature of disruption that he suffers.

After that, the committee debated a report on the work progress on the telephone expansion project now being implemented by Philips/Ericsson. It also studied the project of putting 18,000 car telephones into service.

Arrangements have been made to introduce 400 such lines during the first quarter of the current year in Jeddah and Riyadh.

Desalt training centers to be built

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — The Kingdom and Japan signed Tuesday an agreement to establish two desalination research and training centers at a cost of \$37.4 million. Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh and Shizuo Kishida, executive manager of the Japanese international cooperation agency (JICA), signed the agreement.

It provides for consultations and exchange of information about desalination techniques. One of the centers, an institute of desalination technology, will be equipped

with test plants for research on desalting problems.

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to discuss prospects of health cooperation between two countries. The meeting was attended by Dr. Hamad Al-Sughair, deputy health minister; and Dr. Mustapha Tayba, director general of curative medicine.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — Jeddah Mayor Muhammad Said Farsi gave a dinner at Jeddah Water Tower in honor of Soliman Oudar, the mayor of Ankara, and his delegation Monday night. Senior officials and the Turkish ambassador to Saudi Arabia attended the banquet.

YANBU, (SPA) — More than 32 permissions for building industries have been issued in Yanbu, the Kingdom's second industrial city which is expected to have a population of 150,000 according to officials Tuesday. Dr. Yusuf Ibrahim Al-Turki, director general of the Yanbu project, said that supply of manpower to these industries is the responsibility of various government departments, primarily the Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu. He said that an institute for training cadres for the industries is functioning already and two more, one in Yanbu and the other in Jubail, are planned. Each will accommodate 1,000 trainees at a time, Turki said.

JEDDAH, (SPA) — The National Guard's cultural and education department in the Western Region marked Monday the Arab day for the eradication of illiteracy. Gen. Ali Abdullah Al-Shuhaid, assistant deputy commander of the National Guard for operations, gave away prizes to the teachers and to distinguished students.

Cabinet reviews state policies

RIYADH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — The Council of Ministers, meeting under Crown Prince Fahd, reviewed the country's Gulf, oil, economic, developmental and investment policies and approved a number of promotions and appointments of civil servants, Monday night.

Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani said that Prince Fahd briefed the ministers on some aspects of the Kingdom's policy, especially its relationship with sister Arab Gulf countries.

The meeting heard a report by Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, minister of petroleum and minerals, on certain aspects of Saudi Arabia's oil policy and the resolutions of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), and discussed the Kingdom's future oil policies.

The council discussed aspects of the state's economic policy and the state plan to foster the various developmental institutions, both in the private and public sectors.

Jeddah port to get five more docks

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 (SPA) — Five new docks will be built at the Jeddah Islamic Port as part of the expansion project, according to Mustafa Hariri, director of port's technical affairs, Tuesday.

He said the project, which represents the fifth phase, includes the construction of spe-

cial docks for the unloading of frozen foodstuffs and another dock for the offloading of cattle. In addition, a full-fledged complex is planned for the port's administrative offices and other facilities, including a training center for the manpower.

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4,000 Turkish extremists face conspiracy charges

ISTANBUL, Jan. 12 (AP) — Turkish military authorities have filed conspiracy charges against at least 4,000 alleged leftist and rightist militants while another 20,000 await prosecution in overcrowded prisons, official sources said Tuesday.

The sources, who requested anonymity, said the military crackdown on leftist and rightist underground groups has created a new problem for the military judiciary and the country's outdated prison system.

According to official figures, at least 40,000 suspected leftist and rightist "militants" have been rounded up during the 16 months following the coup engineered by Gen. Kenan Evren and other service com-

manders. Military prosecutors have been pressed for time to prepare indictments against the suspects, who are increasingly critical of prison conditions and alleged "torture and mistreatment" during preliminary interrogations.

Sources say the bringing of formal charges against thousands of others still in custody has been delayed by a severe shortage of investigators and the slow pace of court proceedings.

The military rulers several months ago adopted a series of legal measures aimed at speeding up the work of the courts but the heavy backlog of defendants apparently has made it difficult for the investigators to submit their files.

'Each ayatollah has own state'

PLO aide hits Iran regime

MANAMA, Bahrain, Jan. 12 (AP) — A leading Palestine Liberation Organization official Tuesday denounced the Iranian regime of Ayatollah Khomeini, contending the Tehran government "is now going through a strange state of chaos."

Khaled al-Hassan, member of the Central Committee of the PLO, told the Bahrain weekly *Sada Al-Oubon* that there is virtually no possibility that relations between the PLO and world countries on the one hand and the present Iranian government on the other could be stabilized.

"This is due to the fact that each ayatollah in the Iranian regime has become a state within a state," he said.

Al-Hassan criticized the alleged Iranian-backed plot to topple the Bahrain regime, aborted last month with the arrest of 60 conspirators.

"This irresponsible act was aimed not only at Bahrain but at other Gulf countries... and the Arab world should adopt a serious stand toward dangers menacing the Gulf," he said.

Initially warm relations between the PLO and the Khomeini regime have been on the downside since last month's Tehran accusation that the PLO was in contact with dissident Iranian politicians in France.

The PLO in turn has criticized Iran for reported military ties with Israel.

Syria warned against pact with Soviets

KUWAIT, Jan. 12 (AP) — A Kuwaiti newspaper Tuesday warned Syria that signing of a strategic cooperation agreement between Damascus and Moscow could turn the Arab world into another Poland.

"Syria has created extensive reservations on the part of moderate Arabs by signing the friendship treaty with the Soviet Union, simply because the Soviet ideology is unacceptable to the Arab and Islamic mentality," the daily *Al-Sayassah* said in an editorial.

"Furthermore, the Soviet ideology negates the nature of the rich Arab economy which only needs to be taken care of through maintenance of stability and promotion of equitable cooperation inside the Arab world," the paper wrote.

To bombing in Israel Abu Eian pleads not guilty

TEL AVIV, Jan. 12 (AP) — Ziad Abu Eian, the West Bank Palestinian who was extradited from the United States last month to stand trial for a bombing, has pleaded not guilty.

Abu Eian told the Tel Aviv district court he "had nothing to do" with the May 1979 bombing in the Tiberias marketplace which killed two Israeli boys and wounded 36 persons. The trial started on Monday and was open to the public. It resumes April 22.

Israeli authorities claim that Abu Eian set a time bomb in the marketplace and fled six days later to the United States via Jordan. He was arrested in Chicago in August 1979 and held until the State Department ordered his extradition on Dec. 12, ending a two-year legal battle.

Abu Eian's lawyers and supporters argued

that the bombing was a political act not covered by the U.S.-Israel extradition treaty, and that Abu Eian would not receive a fair trial in Israel.

His Israeli lawyer, Felicia Langer, told the Associated Press that although suspected commandos usually are tried by Israeli military courts, the trial was being held in a civilian court as part of the conditions under which Washington agreed to extradite its client.

Abu Eian could receive a life sentence. There is no death penalty in Israel's civil code.

A military court Monday sentenced Musab Maadi, 29, to life imprisonment for his role in a string of bombings which killed two persons and wounded 27.

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CAIRO, (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig arrived Tuesday for talks with Egyptian aimed at spurring Palestinian autonomy talks with Israel.

LONDON, (R) — Gunmen shot and wounded Iran's deputy minister of industries and mines in central Tehran Monday. Tehran newspapers reported Tuesday. Hojafolislam Hassan Monfared's car was ambushed by guerrillas riding motorcycles after he had left his office.

RABAT, (R) — A Rabat court sentenced 21 students Tuesday to prison terms of up to three years after they were convicted of disturbing the peace during a wave of student agitation here last year.

ROME, (R) — A young Palestinian has died of wounds he received in a shooting incident at the Rome office of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) last Sunday, police said Tuesday. They named the dead man as Imad Osman, 22.

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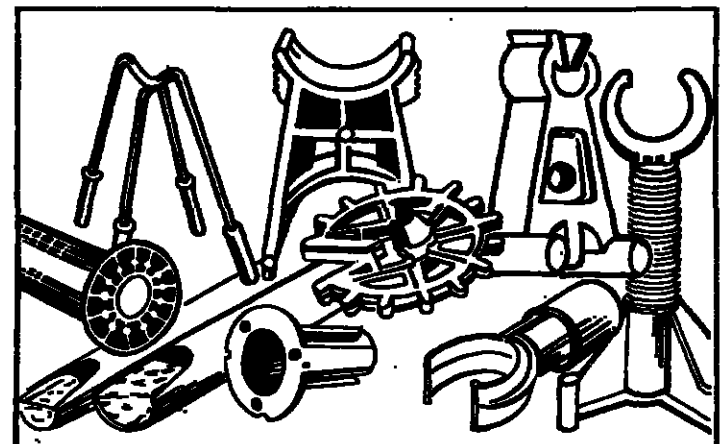
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Rawlings vows to fight corruption

Ghana defense council named

ABIDJAN, Jan. 12 (R) — Ghana Tuesday named the heads of the new military administration under flight Lt. Jerry Rawlings, who seized power on Dec. 31. Radio Accra, monitored here, said the Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) led by Rawlings would have no more than 11 members and would exercise all the powers of government.

It quoted a statement naming Rawlings as PNDC chairman, Brig. Gen. Joseph Nunoo-Mensah as chief of defense staff, and

Warrant Officer Ist. Class Joseph Adjai Bodi as coordinator of the armed forces defense committees. Dr. Damosah was also named as a PNDC member.

Other PNDC members were Sgt. Daniel Ayedija Akatopore, Joachim Armatequaye and Chris Abukari Atim, the radio said. Further members could be appointed up to a total of 11, it said. The PNDC can appoint representatives to head existing ministers, it continued, and members must subscribe to a pledge of office to "the service of the people

of Ghana, for the achievement of their welfare and social justice for all."

"Members are further to pledge not to abuse their high office but be diligent and dutiful in the service of Ghana," the communiqué said. It confirmed Rawlings' suspension of the constitution of the third republic, and said the PNDC was empowered to legislate to regulate the country's affairs.

Shortly after the coup, the PNDC chairman suspended the constitution, sacked ousted President Hilla Limann and his government, banned all political parties, abolished the largely consultative council of state and dissolved parliament.

The radio said a national defense committee would be set up to advise the PNDC, while existing courts would continue to function and judges to retain their posts although independent public tribunals could be set up.

Rawlings has vowed to fight corruption and said such tribunals would be established to try crimes against the state. He has accused Dr. Limann's government of being the worst in the history of Ghana. The PNDC will appoint public prosecutors, the radio said.

The PNDC statement said the armed forces would continue as before, although Rawlings previously dubbed them the people's army, navy and air force.

The statement quoted Rawlings as saying membership of the PNDC would entail "sacrifice, courage, discipline and revolutionary humility." Membership of the PNDC was "not for those who are not capable of dreaming about the future or crying at human suffering or when a child dies."

Tuesday's announcement cleared up the uncertainty of the past 13 days as to who, apart from the PNDC chairman, was running Ghana.

Egyptians head Copenhagen list of unpaid tickets

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 12 (AP) — Egyptian diplomats surpassed their Soviet counterparts in 1981 to lead all embassies here in the number of unpaid parking tickets, it was reported Monday.

The United States placed a close third and Israel came in fourth. The report from Copenhagen city police and published in the newspaper *Politiken* said foreign diplomats last year failed to pay 1,573 parking tickets of \$18 apiece — or about \$28,000 worth.

Police Inspector Helmuth Hasselriis was quoted saying "most diplomats do not think they are supposed to pay because the Vienna convention says diplomats are immune from prosecution by their host countries."

He said Soviet diplomats were the worst offenders in 1980 but were surpassed in 1981 when the Egyptians took an undisputed lead in the "top ten" with a total of 222 unpaid parking tickets.

The Soviets were pushed back to second place with 78, followed closely by the Americans with 75 delinquent fines. Israel placed fourth with 74, then came Yugoslavia with 62, Hungary 54, Italy 50, France 49, South Korea 47, Peru 47 and Libya 42.

Southeastern Canada hit Earthquake rattles U.S.

BOSTON, Jan. 12 (AP) — The third moderate earthquake to hit southeastern Canada in three days rattled dishes and rocked buildings Monday across a six-state stretch of New England in the United States.

"The entire building was shaking," said Dennis Scheyer, who works at an advertising agency on Boston's Lewis Wharf. "We went to the middle portion and watched different portions of the building shake, including lamps."

There were no immediate reports of damage or injury. Waverly Person, a spokesman at the U.S. Geological Survey's earthquake information center in Golden, Colorado, said the tremor, reported at 2141 GMT and measured at 5.5 on the Richter Scale, was another aftershock of a quake that struck early Saturday.

"I would be very surprised if there were reports of damage because there were reports of only slight damage from (Saturday's)

larger quake," said Person. Nafi Toksoz, director of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Wallace Geophysical Observatory, said an aftershock of 5.5 magnitude in the New England region is "very rare."

An earthquake of Richter magnitude 5 is considered capable of causing considerable damage if it strikes inhabited areas. In a related event, a moderate earthquake occurred in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Nicaragua, the U.S. Geological Service said.

The tremor registered 5.9 on the Richter Scale, according to USGS earthquake monitors here. It was centered in the ocean about 90 miles northwest of Managua, the capital of Nicaragua, and occurred about 11:48 p.m. Monday local time, 0548 GMT Tuesday.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage.

Salvador offensive claims 48

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador, Jan. 12 (AP) — Forty-eight persons were killed during a three-day offensive against leftist bases in the San Vicente area, 64 kms west of here, the army said Monday.

Defense Ministry sources said the offensive — the government's sixth major push

against resistance forces entrenched on and around the Chichontepec volcano — had concluded successfully. The sources said four leftist camps were dismantled during the offensive, which got under way Thursday. They said two government soldiers were killed.

Journalists were kept about 10 kms away from the area of heaviest fighting and the government's report could not be confirmed independently. Army collaborators among the civilian population of San Vicente reportedly told officials there were about 300 leftists in the area before the offensive.

There was no mention of prisoners in the army's report Monday, indicating that most of the leftists had probably escaped. At least 1,500 troops, including members of the U.S.-trained Atlacatl Counterinsurgency Brigade, participated in the three-day offensive.

In a broadcast Monday the leftists' clandestine Radio Venceremos urged Salvadorans to unite for the "coming decisive combat" in the battle to overthrow the civilian-military junta.

Jan. 22 marks the 50th anniversary of a 1932 peasant uprising that was crushed by forces loyal to Maximiliano Hernandez. An estimated 32,000 Salvadorans were killed. Observers speculate that leftist forces will commemorate the anniversary by launching an all-out push to topple the junta.

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TOKYO (APF) — The annual conference of Japanese ambassadors stationed in Middle East countries will be held in Madrid for three days from Jan. 20, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. It said that the meeting will be attended by envoys stationed in 18 Middle East countries, including Afghanistan, Egypt and Saudi Arabia as well as ambassadors to the United States and Spain.

PRETORIA (APF) — Police used teargas to disperse about 3,000 angry commuters who stoned and damaged about 40 buses and four private vehicles in Soshanguwe black township near Pretoria Tuesday.

WASHINGTON (R) — Two American marines who help guard President Reagan when he flies by helicopter have been reprimanded for giving information about their duties to women in a restaurant in Mexico, the White House said Tuesday.

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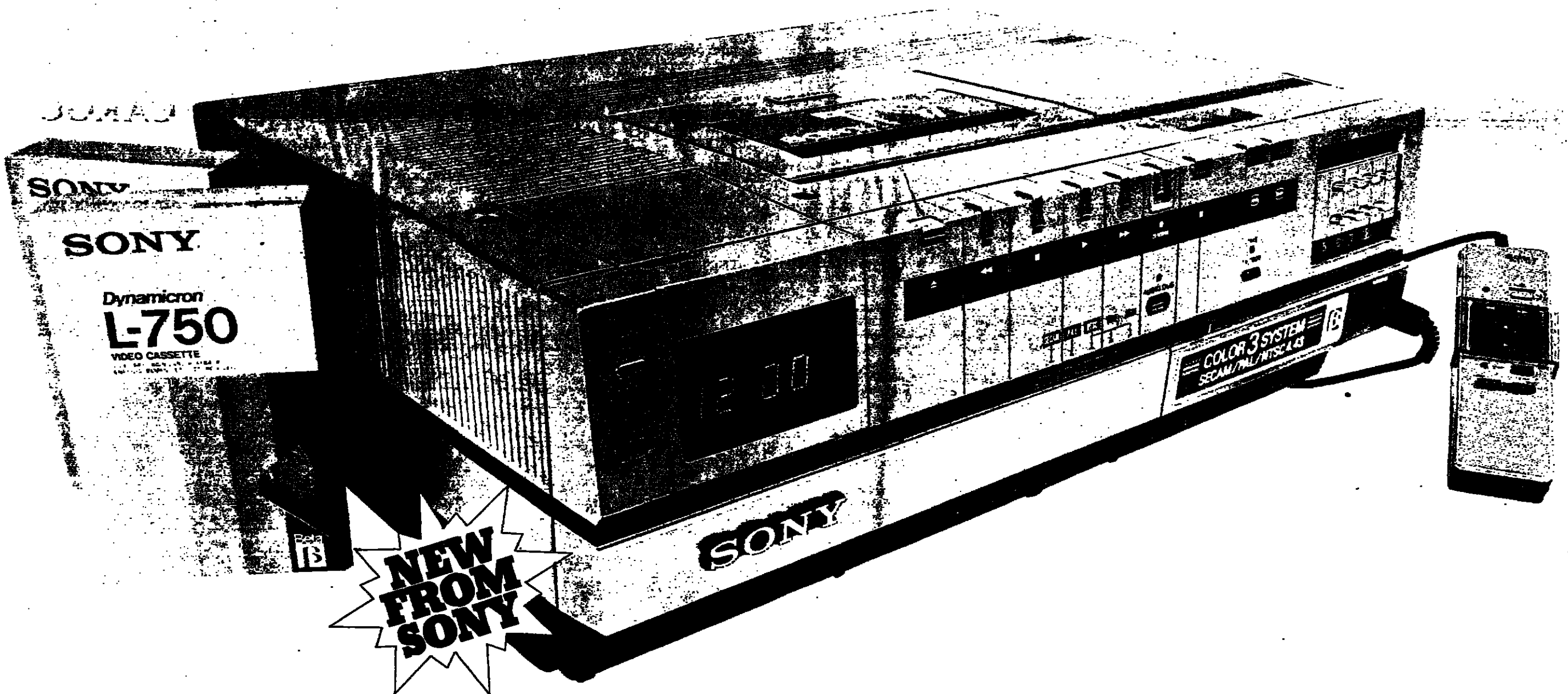
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NATO's foreign ministers came out with a major decision to blame the Soviet Union for the military takeover in Poland. Greece strongly made the point that the NATO ministers should pay attention more to the military regime in a member of their own alliance rather than one in the opposite camp. The Greeks of course were referring to Turkey. The violence of the NATO denunciation of the Soviet Union is not expected to be matched with any deeds. The prevalent view is that the United States' sanctions are themselves quite useless, and that American grain is still being sold to the Russians.

The Europeans, who desire normal relations with both the Soviet Union and Poland, will seek to please the Americans by strong language against the turn of events in Poland while signaling to the other side that business goes on as usual.

The Europeans, or at least some of them, have also been saying that America's stand is designed more to subvert the natural gas deal between Europe and the Soviet Union than to help the Poles. On that matter, however, the Europeans do not appear to budge; contacts over the deal continue.

Saudi Arabian press review

The Kingdom's total rejection of hostile attempts to distort its policies and the U.N. Security Council debate on the imposition of sanctions on Israel figured for editorial comment in Tuesday's newspapers.

Al-Bilad noted that the hostile attempts to defame the Kingdom and distort its policies through fabricated news "will not force it to abandon its efforts for achieving Arab solidarity."

The paper felt the Saudi Arabian peace plan has clearly expressed the Arab hopes for achieving a just and lasting peace in the region. It hailed the Kingdom's firm support for the Palestinian issue.

Okaz deplored the attempts of some Arab newspapers to distort the Kingdom's declared policy toward the Palestinian issue and raise doubts over the Kingdom's efforts for unifying Arab ranks and ensuring international support for the Palestinian issue and Arab causes.

The paper endorsed the Kingdom's unwavering support for the Palestinian cause and reminded these newspapers of their national responsibilities by giving priority to clearing the Arab atmosphere with the aim of maintaining Arab solidarity.

On the same subject, *Al-Madinah* said the Royal Court statement has confirmed the Kingdom's policy toward the Palestinian issue and the fateful Arab causes.

"The Kingdom's policy is well-known to every Arab state and the Palestinian people. Therefore, fabricated news circulated by some Arab newspapers will neither affect the Kingdom's firm support for the Palestinian and Arab causes, nor will it change the Palestinian people's recognition of the Kingdom's constructive role and firm stand in support of them," the paper said.

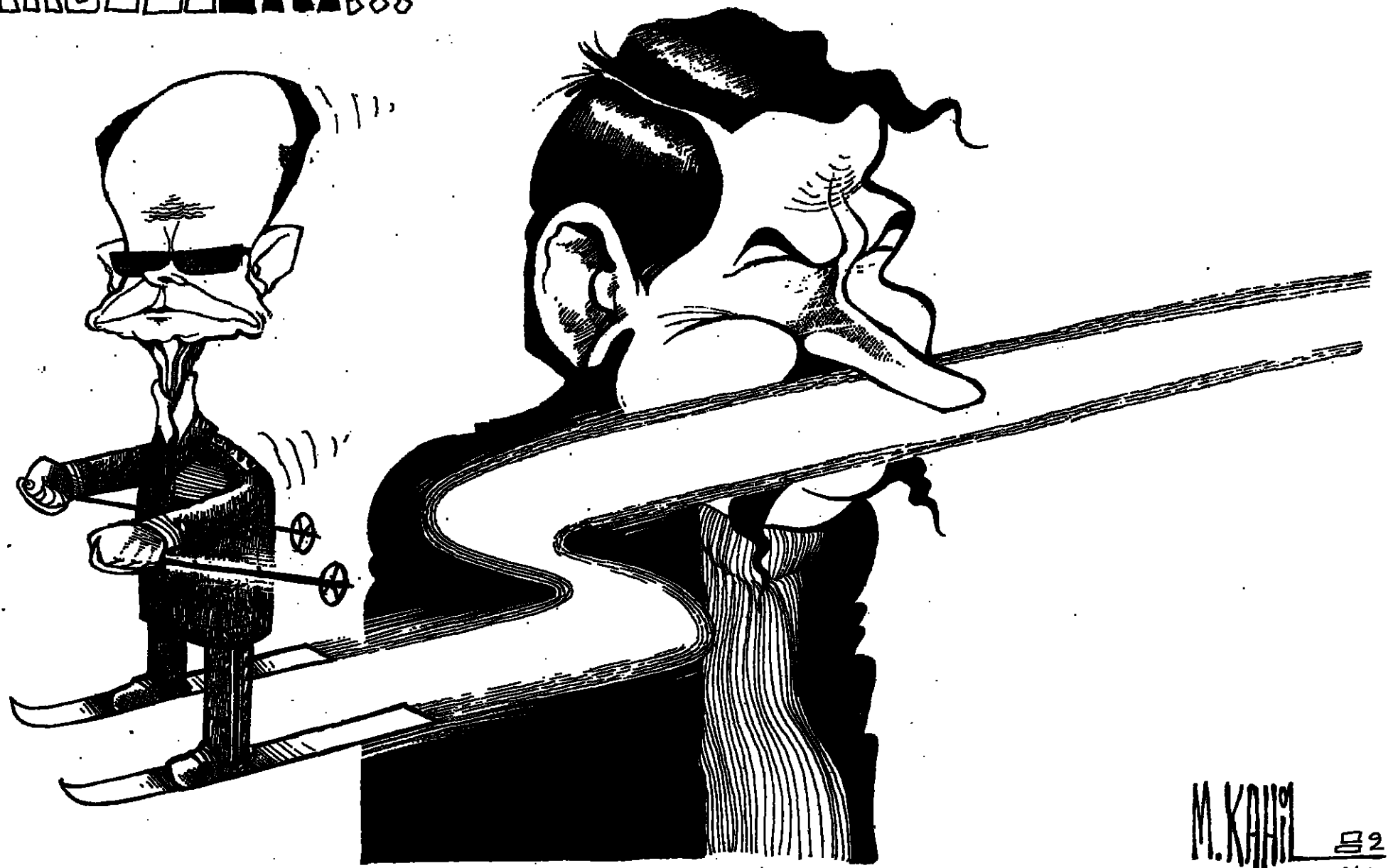
Al-Yom said, "There is practically no need for the Kingdom to prove its genuine stands on the Palestinian issue." It condemned the Arab newspapers which "were being incited and instructed by foreign quarters."

Al-Nadwa observed that the Royal Court statement has very honestly corrected the misleading explanations given by some Arab newspapers which were basically aimed at distorting and raising doubts over the Kingdom's stand on the Palestinian issue.

Al-Riyadh discussed the superpowers' total neglect of the Arab cause and their constant unlimited aid to Israel, ignoring its aggressive actions in the region. The paper said the superpowers' reluctance and total silence over the aggressive Israeli actions in the region were the outcome of existing disputes and differences among the Arab nation.

It urged the Arab nation to devise a unified Arab action, "so as to confront the challenges posed by the Israelis." (SPA)

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Poland's power struggle

Army hesitant, Jaruzelski undecided, as Walesa plays for time

By Mark Frankland

LONDON — Poland as the new year starts, is keeping the world in suspense. Four weeks have passed since Gen. Jaruzelski and his soldiers astonished their countrymen by the rapid precision with which they imposed martial law. Today there is very little that is precise in Poland.

Solidarity is pulling itself together for the long haul of passive resistance with what outcome no one can guess. There is great uncertainty about what the supposedly ruling Communist Party is doing and what the army wants it to do. The church's caseload rustles mysteriously as the bishops engage in secret mediation.

Polish society has been robbed of its freedom of discussion but is still promised "reform" and "reconciliation." The economic disaster has at last hit people in the shape of higher prices, but how a military dictatorship brings in liberalizing economic reforms is a riddle beyond resolution.

Small wonder the Polish generals seem unsure of what to do next, and their hesitation can only be increased by the conflicting expectations of the outside world.

In the West, Europeans led by West Germany are waiting for a sign that the soldiers will try to achieve some sort of national understanding and that they will not hand over power to a hardline Communist regime. But something approaching such a regime is just what Russia and its allies, to judge by hints in their press, would like to see.

Faced with the difficult if not impossible task of retaining a measure of goodwill in both East and West, Jaruzelski chose not to deliver a new year's message to his nation. The job was done instead by the elderly Henryk Jablonski, chairman of the Council of State, a bland figure from the past.

But this may be enough to have disappointed the West Germans. At their meeting recently in Bonn with Deputy Premier Mieczyslaw Rakowski, one of Jaruzelski's trusted men, they asked for some small sign of Polish good intent, such as allowing the International Red Cross to inspect the internment camps or letting in Western trade unionists to see Lech Walesa, who remains under house arrest. This would have given some evidence that Jaruzelski, rather than being the complete Russian puppet of American official propaganda, was still trying to observe some Polish decency.

The general's problem is that he has no program ready for ruling the country when martial law ends. The secrecy of the coup's preparation, which was almost certainly not discussed in advance even with most of the party Politburo, meant there could be no political planning for its aftermath. Above all, Jaruzelski seems undecided about what to do with the party, the key to the political atmosphere of Poland, after martial law.

The party, almost invisible in the first days after the army moved, is now showing more signs of life, though scarcely very coherent ones. The Politburo has met once. So has the secretariat of the Central Committee, but the committee itself which is the party's parliament (it was elected at the ninth party congress last summer in unprecedentedly free elections) shows no sign of gathering.

The spokesman for the ruling Military Council said recently: "It is clear that in recent months the party lost its authority, its credibility, and that its leading role was weakened. It keeps its leading role, but at this moment it is the Military Council which is the leading organ..."

In plain language, the army rules. But if the party has, astonishingly, become a conveyor belt for military commands, the soldiers have not yet shown a preference for one or other of the hotly warring factions within the party.

It is striking, and some people in and outside Poland might think it hopeful, that leading party reformers have begun to appear in public. Tadeusz Fiszbach, the Gdansk party boss, who looks like a bald Rip Kirby and was one of the first party officials to win Solidarity's trust, is reported to have spoken in his home town of the need for "prudence" and for the "reconciliation" of people who are at variance with each other.

Hieronim Kubiak, an academic elected to the Politburo and Central Committee secretariat at the last party congress — and who was once called a

CIA agent in a journal of the party hardliners — has been talking to the intellectual community and to the strongly reformist party organization in Krakow.

At the party's other extreme, a completely different message has been coming from men like Albin Siwak, another Politburo member of the confusing 1981 vintage. A tough proletarian demagogue, Siwak has just told Czech journalists (who clearly lapped it up) that the party was split and that to regain its authority it had to get rid of all who do not belong there.

He was suggesting a purge of the liberals, an idea that is also being toyed with in the Soviet press. The *Pravda* correspondent in Warsaw has been quoting with approval Polish party members' comments on the need to revive the party's "militant Marxist-Leninist spirit" and on those party organizations which "failed the hard exam of sharp political combat."

But if the hardliners have swung behind the army hoping for a bit of action, they have so far been disappointed. The army's newspaper *Zolnierz Wolnosci* recently warned that "revenge" was foreign to "Socialist morality," a sign that the generals fear the consequences of letting the would-be purgers have their head.

The division of the party into a hard Right and soft Left, with a frightened, disoriented majority in the middle, makes Jaruzelski's task immeasurably harder. He cannot get rid of the reformers and still hoped to convince anyone that he stands for national reconciliation and a continuation of "renewal." Reports from Warsaw suggest that he is trying to play it down the middle by setting up three commissions to work out Poland's future political shape under the chairmanship of Kubiak, Rakowski and Stefan Olszowski.

The latter is now the party's most powerful personality, its *philosophie grise* and a Marxist-Leninist bearing the Soviet stamp of approval. He seems to balance out Kubiak, while Rakowski, a reformer who nevertheless flourished under Giersek as well as Jaruzelski and the now vanished Kania, swims artfully between them.

But if Jaruzelski shows signs of immobility, caught as he is in a party that can't agree on what should be done, the logic of martial law seems to favor the hard men.

The press, which is part of Olszowski's empire, hurls neo-Stalinist invective at Solidarity's most reasonable thinkers, as well as its extremists. The conditions of martial law in the factories where workers are being tested for loyalty and the tough sentences (up to four-and-a-half-years in jail) being meted out to Solidarity people who tried to resist martial law may make workers angry as much as frightened.

Meanwhile, Solidarity shows signs of reshaping

itself as a clandestine organization. The Ursus tractor plant worker Zbigniew Bujak, one of the most effective working-class leaders to emerge after August 1980, managed to issue a new year call to resistance from his hiding place. Solidarity in Silesia and Warsaw has issued detailed instructions on how to resist passively with minimum risk: work slowly, criticize the bosses, leave all decisions to the military commissars and their collaborators. If put into practice these would make a mockery of the disciplined economy the generals seem to hope for.

Time may also strengthen Walesa's hand. It seems that he has been talking unofficially to Rakowski, his opposite number in government union negotiations through most of last year. But according to these reports, the Solidarity leader is playing for time, demanding that his old advisers as well as other union leaders join him in the negotiations. His calculation seems to be that the longer he waits, the greater will be Jaruzelski's need for his cooperation.

But the longer Jaruzelski has to rule through martial law, the greater the damage he does to his credentials as a bringer of national reconciliation. This is becoming clear in his dealings with the Polish intelligentsia. He badly wants their understanding and has held a well publicized meeting with some of the country's leading academics.

The intellectuals who are under detention, including even those most savagely attacked in the press, such as the Solidarity advisers Jack Kuron and Adam Michnik, are being held in far better conditions than the arrested working-class members of Solidarity. Reports that Kuron and Michnik had been beaten up turned out to be untrue. Kuron is being held with other Solidarity leaders at a camp where they can watch television, read the papers and even organize seminars.

But at the same time, things like the purge of the press and an atmosphere which is the very reverse of intellectual freedom threatens to drive the intelligentsia back to the cynical bloody-mindedness of the Giersek days.

The introduction of economic reform, which officially began on New Year's Day, under martial law conditions also threatens to bring unpopularity for it will seem more like a foul-tasting medicine thrust on people than the hoped-for liberation of national energies. The first sign of the reform is a stiff increase in prices, up three times for food such as meat and butter. Many other goods are going up, too, and prize consumer goods such as color television sets will be available only after three years of down payments.

But martial law makes nonsense of the other side of the reform — giving factories their freedom and workers a say in their management.

One of the few known activities of the party at its lowest level is the taking over of some of the func-

tions of the suspended trade unions. Workers may well suspect that if a form of self-management is introduced — as Jaruzelski says it will be — it will be under control of the party activists. This trick has been played twice before in Poland and was one reason for the explosion of August 1980.

But if martial law is bringing Jaruzelski a whole set of new problems, he still has one close supporter of immense importance: the Polish Church and the Polish Pope. The church's statements, in Poland, have wavered from the severe to the conciliatory, and the reason for this, it seems is the Pope's belief that the choice was between Jaruzelski's martial law and the Russians, and that the latter must be kept out at all cost. So the church is pushing Walesa to talk (though as what, with Solidarity shot from beneath him, it is not clear) while, as the Pope made plain in remarks last week, urging acceptance of real unions on Jaruzelski.

But are the church's interests those of lay Poland, if one can use such a term about this most Catholic of countries? After all, the only institution that has emerged strengthened and enhanced from 35 years of Polish communism is the Roman Catholic Church. Its first interest is the survival of Catholic Poland (which a Russian invasion would threaten) but this is not necessarily the same thing as a democratic Poland.

The Vatican's line toward Jaruzelski is therefore shadowed with ambiguity. But a harsh light of unqualified judgment was thrown on Poland two weeks ago from another part of Rome — the Via delle Botteghe Oscure, where the Italian Communists have their headquarters. The party leadership announced in a statement of historic importance that events in Poland had shown that communism as practiced in the Soviet Union and East Europe was at a political dead-end and had "exhausted its driving force." It could no longer develop and respond to new social and economic conditions. This Soviet bloc had become simply "an ideological-military camp governed by a logic of power."

The Italian Communist mind cut through all the hopes and fears about Poland and pointed to the unpleasantly obvious. The country was in crisis because the Polish Communist Party could not and would not share power with the forces that represented the overwhelming majority of Polish society.

The Italian thesis puts Jaruzelski's choice in a gloomy perspective. The general, the reformers like Fiszbach and Rakowski, and the ultras like Albin Siwak are all caught in the same Marxist-Leninist net. They all accept (as indeed they had under the now reviled Giersek) the Soviet camp's logic of power. The difference between them is whether it should be applied with delicacy or roughness. If the Italians are right, Jaruzelski's options are no wider than that. — (ONS)

Critical year for Czechoslovak economy

By Colin McIntyre

PRAGUE —

Czechoslovakia, with a poor harvest behind it and a 10 percent cut in Soviet energy supplies ahead, faces a critical year which diplomats believe may force it to finally reform its rigid economy. A government spokesman recently confirmed reports that Czechoslovakia, along with other East bloc countries, faced a 10 percent reduction in Soviet oil, which accounts for more than 90 percent of this country's needs.

The reports from senior Hungarian economic sources late last year said Soviet bloc countries except Poland had been told by Moscow to prepare for reduced energy shipments this year. The reasons were the need to supply extra oil to Poland and growing difficulties in extracting oil in Siberia, the sources said.

The Prague government spokesman however said it was Czechoslovakia that asked for a cut. "We simply don't have the money to pay for it," spokesman Frantisek Kouril said. Whatever the reason, it seems clear that the Czechoslovak economy is facing one of its biggest crises since World War II.

In a speech to the Communist Party Central Committee last October, Czechoslovak Prime

Minister Lubomir Strougal said: "If the situation in 1981 is considered complicated, then the following year will be still more difficult." The party organ *Rude Pravo* commented in the same month: "The situation is worse than five or 10 years ago...It is no use covering it up."

Because of the Soviet reduction Prague has announced a 17 percent cut in the amount of heating oil available this year. Coming on top of a staggering 75 percent rise in its price last October, this measure is likely to be a big blow to the people.

The energy problem has been compounded by Poland's failure to meet its commitments on coal deliveries, and a decision by Romania, which has its own economic crisis, to cut its exports of electricity to this country by 350 million kilowatts, or 10 percent. The economic planners will be hoping Czechoslovakia will be spared a repeat of a bitterly cold spell two years ago that virtually brought the country to a halt, closing factories and schools because of lack of electricity.

To make matters worse, Czechoslovakia last year suffered a shortfall in its grain harvest of 1.6 million tons, producing 9.5 million tons when 11.1 million was planned. Though the government has said it will import 500,000 tons of grain, Western experts said there was likely to be a severe shortage of

fodder, meaning the slaughter of livestock and less meat next year.

There are indications that the government plans to make a virtue of necessity, using the likely shortage as a means of cutting back the country's meat consumption, which few years ago leaped suddenly from an annual 78-79 kilos per head to 85-86 kilos, one of the highest rates in Europe.

One Western diplomat said there had been hints in the press that the Czechoslovak diet was too rich, apparently preparing the ground for scarcer and probably more expensive meat. There was also move away from livestock that required intensive feeding, such as poultry, and back to beef, the experts said.

While such measures might enable the economy to muddle along for several more years, Western analysts are unanimous in their assessment that what is really needed is a thorough reform loosening the highly-centralized economy.

Czechoslovakia's economy is suffering from old inefficient plant, a system of central planning that allows little autonomy to enterprises and generally low productivity, the absence of real incentives. Its agriculture is 95 percent collectivized, and according to experts includes a relatively smaller private sector than that in the Soviet Union. (R)

Average human lifespan could be 85, scientists doubt further increases

WASHINGTON (WP) — Medical science is "on the verge" of extending the average human lifespan to 85 years, substantially beyond today's average American span of just under 70 for men and 77 for women. The years up to 85, moreover, should mainly be healthy.

Age 85 will be a "rather abrupt" wall for the extension of the lifespan of most persons, however, since science, no matter how hard it tries, may never be able to extend average life beyond that age.

This forecast was made to the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington by two Stanford University medical professors, authors of a new study of

how humans age, and how aging is already being drastically affected by modern medicine. In a scientific paper and in a new book, *Vitality And Aging*, Drs. Donald Fries and Lawrence Crapo make two main points:

Diseases can be eliminated, but the human lifespan seems fixed.

That span seems to be about 97 years at its ultimate. Man in fact may have reached that limit 100,000 years ago. The oldest documented human age is 115 years, and claims of great longevity among various remote peoples "have now been consistently shown" to be exaggeration.

There are many instances of life up to

about age 97. Human organs, however, begin deteriorating at a slow but constant rate from about age 30.

"And eventually," these doctors say, "they fail lethally in all of us at about the same age." In practical terms, they say, once a larger number of avoidable diseases and accidents are eliminated, this should mean that 99 percent of Americans will die "of old age" between 73 and 97, with age 85 the average.

Why do these doctors believe the older years will increasingly be healthier ones?

To a large extent, they maintain, "the medical and social tasks of eliminating premature death are largely accomplished." One major killer, smallpox, has been completely eliminated. The leading killer of 1900, tuberculosis, has declined by 99.5 percent in this country.

Other major diseases are bowing to medical progress. Heart disease has been yielding rapidly just in the past decade. Several forms of cancer have begun to yield.

Women are already dying only about eight years short of the theoretical average of 85, on the average. Four of these years are accounted for by violent deaths.

Even though human organs inevitably deteriorate, these doctors add, it is still possible to increase physical efficiency throughout life. This, too, is happening today with an increasing emphasis on a healthier diet and exercise and avoidance of that leading killer, tobacco.

For these reasons and others, they say, "we are on the verge in the United States of becoming a society" in which nearly all individuals "survive" in a healthier state to advanced age, "and then succumb ... over a narrow age range."

It is not impossible, they say, that average age will someday be extended well beyond 85, perhaps by genetic engineering or now unforeseen methods.

But such solutions, they say, would require "a quantum jump in scientific knowledge," and they suspect that either "super-longevity" or immortality will be at least as hard to achieve as the science fiction feat of traveling backward or forward through time.

The main lesson for society in changing patterns of aging? These doctors say that we need to start thinking about more ways to help the healthy aged lead independent lives, rather than just thinking about their medical care.

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British centarian dies at 112

By John Ezard

LONDON — Miss Jeannetta Thomas, who attributed her health to "non-drinking, non-smoking and the fact that I never married, which meant I had only myself to look after," died here recently. She was 112 years old, the oldest known living human in Britain, and at her death, only five days away from being entitled to claim the Guinness record as the longest-lived person in British history. In her part of Wales, she was perhaps more closely remembered as a wonderful seamstress.

"She was never confused in her mind, right up to the moment that she closed her eyes for the last time," said Mrs. Marion Markwell, matron of Southway home for the elderly, Cowbridge, South Glamorgan, where she died. The home is near Llantrisant, where Miss Thomas' birth was registered on December 2, 1869. In that year, the Suez Canal was opened, margarine and celluloid were invented, the Civil War victor Gen. Ulysses Grant took over as president of the United States, R.D. Blackmore published *Lorna Doone* and John Stuart Mill issued his study on the subjugation of women.

Miss Thomas was born of quarry-owning parents in the village of Pontyclun, near Llantrisant. She far outlived her sister and two brothers. In her youth, she went to London to work as a seamstress. At the age of about 40, she returned and opened a drapery shop in her home area. She ran it until she was 98 and entered the home at 107.

"She was famous for the dresses and clothes she made," Mrs. Markwell said, "she was still sewing until 102, was able to read the *Western Mail* every day until 107, and was doing little drawings and sketches until 110. She was a dear, remarkable lady."

Miss Thomas headed an elite of 2,900 British centenarians, compared with only 140 in 1951. The increase is believed to be mainly thanks to the introduction of the welfare state. However, only about 20 people alive at present are over the age of 106.

Miss Thomas' existence was only notified to the *Guinness Book of Records* last year. Until then, the oldest living centarian was thought to be a 110 year old London woman, who has since died. If Miss Thomas had lived a few more days she would have lived longer than Mrs. Alice Stevenson, who died in 1973 having established the present British record for longevity. "We were all hoping that she would make it," a member of the Guinness Book's staff said. Her death is thought to leave Mrs. Mary Hammond, aged 110, of Nottingham, with the title of the oldest living person in Britain.

Students of longevity have recently dismissed extreme claims made for men in Georgia, Russia, as propaganda created to reassure Stalin, himself a Georgian, in his old age. The proven life limit in Russia has been put as low as 108. The Guinness Book says: "No subject is more obscured by vanity, deceit, falsehood and deliberate fraud than extremes of human longevity," although the early introduction of birth certificates provided a sound basis for British claims.

However, the book has illustrated the danger of being too cynical. One of its earlier editions states: "The present absolute proven limit of longevity does not admit of anyone living to celebrate any birthday beyond their 114th." But the book had to concede that the world's oldest living human, Shigechiyo Izumi of Japan, is now "116 years and six months and going strong."

Loaded statistics suggested

Determining car safety has problems, weight differences mar comparisons

By Peter Behr

WASHINGTON (WP) — Are Japanese cars significantly more dangerous to drive than American cars? The answer appears to be yes ... but. The evidence runs against the Japanese cars, but the issue is complicated by differences in the sizes of American Japanese-built autos that makes comparisons less than perfect. U.S.-built subcompacts generally are heavier than Japanese competitors, and weight is a decisive factor in crash safety.

The U.S. insurance industry leveled new charges against Japanese cars recently citing two studies. In one, released by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, the fatality rates in subcompact Japanese cars were found to be higher than in American-built subcompacts.

The second report, by the Highway Loss Data Institute, is based on the number of insurance claims involving injury accidents for 1978-1980 model cars. The institute rated cars using an index that sets 100 as an

average number of injury accident claims for all cars.

A rating above 100, such as the 150 rating of the Datsun 200 SX, means that the claims involving that car were 50 percent more numerous than average, while a rating of 90 for the Ford Fairmont meant that claims involving this car were 10 percent below average.

Dr. William Haddon Jr., president of both institutes, said these results, and those of other studies, show conclusively that drivers of Japanese cars are at greater risk of injury than motorists in comparable American-made cars.

Comparisons of the frequency of insurance claims show that Japanese-made cars are involved in accidents more frequently, and the fatality data show that there are relatively more fatal accidents involving Japanese cars than American-built cars.

James Hackney with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said "as a group, the Japanese cars don't perform as well as American cars" of the same weight

class in safety tests. Most U.S.-built cars have telescoping steering columns that collapse in severe head-on crashes, while many Japanese models do not have this feature.

Patrick Miller, head of MGA Research Corp. of Buffalo, a leading auto-crash testing firm, said he can't see any major structural differences between comparable Japanese and U.S.-built cars that would cause significant safety risks.

The key is comparability, he said. The insurance industry study compares subcompacts from the two countries against each other. But Miller noted that until Ford introduced its Escort and Lynx subcompacts, the United States didn't produce a subcompact that was really comparable in size and weight to the popular Japanese small cars.

The data in the reports doesn't include the new Escort and Lynx models. "It's apples and oranges," Miller said.

One NHTSA official who asked not to be identified said the Japanese have taken the safety criticism to heart and are rapidly making improvements.



BREAKFAST REUNION: Chia-Chia and Ching-Ching share a bamboo shoot breakfast at the London Zoo where Chia-Chia was recently released from quarantine. After breakfast they totally ignored each other.

Chia-Chia, Ching-Ching meet

A 'chilly' reunion at the London Zoo

LONDON — Chia-Chia and Ching-Ching had a chilly reunion recently in snow-bound Britain when Chia-Chia was removed from his six month quarantine. After Chia-Chia's unsuccessful courtship with Ling-Ling in Washington, he was placed in quarantine and last week returned for breakfast with Ching-Ching.

When Chia-Chia and Ching-Ching were reintroduced, Ching-Ching was sitting in

the snow munching some bamboo shoots. Chia-Chia bounded over beside her and the only reaction was that she grabbed some more bamboo shoots and stuffed them into her mouth as if to say, "This is my breakfast, not yours."

Brian Bertram, curator of mammals at the London Zoo said he was very happy with the encounter. He said he expected the two pandas to be indifferent with each other

and said that their reaction was expected. He explained that pandas are very solitary animals and that it was encouraging that they even acknowledged each other.

It was described as a very successful meeting because when Chia-Chia sat down and began eating Ching-Ching's breakfast she looked a little disgruntled and ate faster. After the meal, Ching-Ching lumbered over to Chia-Chia, sniffed him and walked away.

Melting polar caps indicate advent of drastic changes in world climate

By Lee Dembart

WASHINGTON (WP) — Two government climatologists say the polar ice caps are melting — the first indication that a long-suspected phenomenon may actually be occurring. The melting, they say, explains why mean sea level around the world is increasing slightly, and why the rotation of the earth on its axis is slowing imperceptibly.

Scientists believe that if the sea level increase were to speed up — and there is some evidence that it is doing that — and if it were to destroy a massive, unstable ice sheet in western Antarctica, the oceans would rise 18 feet and inundate the coastal regions of the world.

"No one knows how rapidly that can happen," said Robert Etkins of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, coauthor of the report published in *Science Magazine*. It could be 50 to 200 years.

But regardless of how fast it happens, Etkins said, "we're losing ground to the ocean."

The cause of the melting is thought to be the so-called "greenhouse effect," in which heat radiating from the earth is trapped under a thickening layer of carbon dioxide, which is produced by the burning of fossil fuels.

"Because the carbon dioxide level keeps increasing inexorably," Etkins said, "one would expect the melting rate would speed up proportionately."

Many scientists believe that continued burning of coal, the worst offender, will inevitably double the amount of carbon diox-

ide in the atmosphere and produce large-scale changes.

Scientists have been looking for evidence of the greenhouse effect for a decade, but it was not until the report by Etkins and his colleague, Edward S. Epstein, that there was quantitative support for the theory.

Epstein emphasized that he and Etkins had no direct evidence for a decrease in polar ice, such as pictures or measurements to indicate a change.

"We have circumstantial evidence that all fits together," Epstein said.

The two began their work by trying to explain why the sea level has risen more rapidly in the last 40 years than in the previous 50.

From 1890 to 1940, the seas rose an average of .04 inch a year. But from 1940 to the present, the average yearly increase has been triple that rate — about .12 of an inch a year — and for the last 10 years, there is some evidence that the rate has been nearly .4 of an inch a year.

Placing limit on coal use could halt heating effect

WASHINGTON (WP) — The late 1980s will see the first unmistakable evidence that people are dangerously heating up the globe's atmosphere by massive coal burning, scientists predicted here.

The effect in this decade will be a change in average world temperature of several tenths of a degree, they said, but it will have measurable effects in some places and it will be a sure warning of cataclysmic changes to come.

Among these could be (some scientists say "will be") far greater warming in the future, which could cause a rise in the ocean level that could turn the northern United States into a barren land unfit for most agriculture.

Coal burning — and to a far less extent oil and gas burning — puts carbon dioxide into the upper atmosphere. The carbon dioxide, with some other gases people are adding, add up to a greenhouse effect. They are like a lid on a cookpot that keeps in the heat.

"It now appears inevitable that the atmospheric carbon dioxide level will double some time in the next century," Dr. Roger Revelle of the University of California at San Diego said at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Revelle is one of the world's leading geophysicists.

"We can expect a large climatic impact, very large changes," said James Hansen of the Goddard Institute for Space Studies in New York, a National Aeronautics and Space Administration studies center.

The signs are so ominous that "we must expect this... and take action to avoid it," said Prof. Herman Flohn, another geophysical leader, of the University of Bonn, West Germany.

It is important to act soon, he said, since developing an alternative energy strategy for the world "would take 50 years or so," and once carbon dioxide settles in the upper atmosphere it may stay there for hundreds of years.

There are many uncertainties in this scenario, and some scientists do not agree that the dire effects are inevitable.

These scientists statements are a clear sign, however, that they are beginning to reach a consensus on this issue, and it may be only a short time before they begin to urge government to reduce coal burning. Only a few years

ago statements on the subject were more tentative, but continuing measurements are making the picture clearer.

Hansen is chief author of a Goddard Institute analysis predicting that the man-made temperature changes will begin, clearly, to rise above natural fluctuations in the 1980s. These will be more noticeable in some areas, he said, since a small worldwide change can mean sharp local ones.

The changes thereafter would be greater. They could include the increased drying of the Colorado River, for example, with "an end to agriculture in California."

The most drastic changes, speakers agreed, can be expected in the 21st Century. If part of Antarctic ice melts there would be the direct effect, a rise of 20 feet in ocean levels that would flood major coastal cities.

The most encouraging factor, he said, is that the matter might be solved if the three countries that produce most of the coal, the United States, the Soviet Union and China, "decide they do not want their agriculture ruined."

Artificial cornea restores eyesight

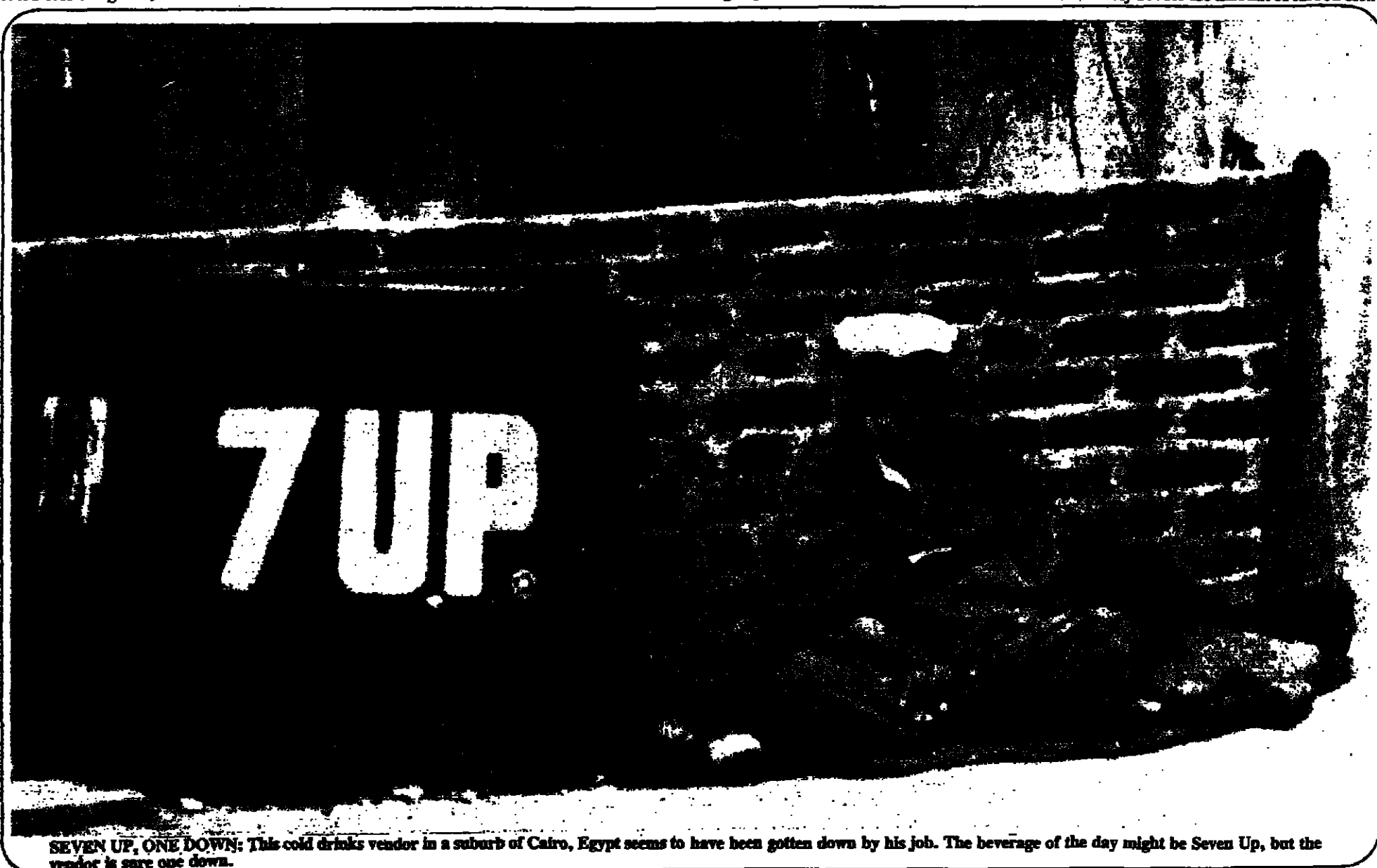
By a Science Correspondent

LONDON — An artificial cornea, to be used when corneal transplants cannot be performed, can restore sight — and hope — to millions of blind people.

Dr. Frank Pollack, former professor of ophthalmology at the University of Florida in Gainesville, inserts circular rings of a mineral, called corundum, into blind victim's eyes. He then inserts a small single optical crystal which works like a fixed-focus camera, channeling light rays on the retina to provide telescopic or tunnel vision.

Dr. Pollack acknowledges that the technique will only work if the retina and optic nerve are healthy and normal, but his success rate in such cases has been phenomenal.

Corundum, related to the diamond and similarly hard, is expected to hold up for many years, although Dr. Pollack reports that its life expectancy has not been exactly estimated.



SEVEN UP, ONE DOWN: This cold drinks vendor in a suburb of Cairo, Egypt seems to have been gotten down by his job. The beverage of the day might be Seven Up, but the vendor is sure one down.

An early setback brings off the best

Pakistan dazzles to the top of hockey world

By G.K. Menon
Special Correspondent

BOMBAY, Jan. 12 — Pakistan, displaying magnificent stickwork and superior pace, wrested the Hockey World Cup for the third time with an impressive 3-1 victory over new finalists West Germany at the Wankhede Stadium here Tuesday.

But the defending champions suffered an early setback when they conceded a fifth-minute goal and it was this, that spurred them to greater heights and they should have won by a much wider margin had their forwards not made hash of a couple of sitters.

As expected, Australia took the bronze medal in the battle of the losing semifinalists when they beat Buenos Aires losing finalists Netherlands 4-2 after the teams were level two-all.

Germany were expected to improve upon their earlier performance when they lost 3-5 and in fact started well. But the Pakistani forwards making full use of their deceptive body swerves, had the German defense a merry dancing. However, well the inside-forwards Hanif and Manzoor moved in concert with wingers Samiullah and Kalimullah, who had the promptings from the half line, there

was much to be desired as far as their finishing went. On the other hand the three-man German attack good too precious little against the tight marking by the Pakistani defenders.

The well-fought out finals was marred by rough play and a couple of unwanted sticks

Davies nets 3 for Aussies

Goal keeper N. Snowden shared the glory with penalty-corner expert Craig Davies as Australia confirmed its superiority over the Netherlands. In a fast-paced encounter, Snowden brought off two superb saves in the second-half as Davies struck twice in the session to resolve the first session 2-2 deadlock. Australia had beaten the Netherlands 3-2 in the pool engagement.

The Australians were at their best in the second session. Cleverly offsetting the long through employed by the Dutch with a blend of Asian and Continental hockey, the Australians dominated for major periods. But a quick raid early in the match saw the Australians fall into arrears for the only time in the match.

Paul Litjens, the renowned penalty-corner specialist, put the Netherlands in the lead in the seventh minute with a searing penalty-

and arms were raised with the result that Germany's Michael Peter was shown the yellow card and it was just as lucky that a couple of Pakistani players were not given the similar treatment. There was a show of temper too when umpire Renaud pointed to the

corner hit. But this was the only success he enjoyed while playing his last international. He failed to come good with his other efforts to end his and his side's day on a dismal note.

The Netherlands enjoyed the lead for only a minute with Craig Davies notching the first of his three goals with a penalty-corner conversion for the equalizer. And a brilliant field goal by Colin Batch put Australia ahead in the 15th minute. The goal followed a move initiated by Ric Charlesworth, who cut past a host of defenders before relaying a reverse pass to Batch.

The Netherlands stayed in the hunt with a superb field goal 11 minutes before the break. Bouwmann trapped a Steens pass and found the target from narrow angle for a classic goal. But once Craig Davies made capital of two penalty corner awards in the seventh and twelfth minutes of the second session, the Dutch slowly faded.

dread spot when Hanif's shot was stopped by Lauge, but then changed his decision.

Pakistan's advances to the circle was more menacing beginning with the opening minute which resulted in an abortive penalty corner award. The Germans celebrated this with the shock goal, when Heimer Dopp moved on to a cross from Caninberg and beat Moimuddin in the goal.

Minutes before the break, Pakistan restored parity following a long corner when Samiullah found Hasan Sardar making capital of the award, deflecting the ball past helpless Bassemir. Hardly had the cheers died down, when Pakistan forged ahead, when the fast moving Hasan sent a shallow diagonal to Manzoor, who squeezed past Peter and banged the ball home.

After the switch of ends, the Pakistan attack gained dangerous dimensions, but as the first half, they could not translate their superiority into goals. They however, added a third goal through Kalimullah who converted a stroke after Hasan Sardar was stopped on his goalward bound by Lauge.

After this it was Pakistan all the way, but the German custodian brought off some splendid saves to restrict the Pakistanis from increasing the margin.



Manzoor ... crowns a fine run

Heimer Dopp ... gives Germans the lead

At a glance

Final			
Pakistan	3 (halftime: 2-1)	West Germany	1
Bronze			
Australia	4 (halftime: 2-2)	Netherlands	2
How they finished			
1. Pakistan	4. Netherlands	7. New Zealand	10. Malaysia
2. West Germany	5. India	8. Poland	11. Spain
3. Australia	6. Soviet Union	9. England	12. Argentina

Martina ends Anne Smith's triumphant run

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP) — Martina Navratilova ended a string of upsets by unheralded Anne Smith, defeating the 22-year-old tennis player 6-2, 6-3 Monday night to capture the \$200,000 Avon Tennis Championships of Washington.

Smith, who had reached the finals after defeating three players ranked in the world's top 10 earlier in the tournament proved no match for Navratilova, the world's third-ranked player and the tournament's No. 2 seed. In her march to the finals, Smith eliminated second-ranked Tracy Austin, seventh-ranked Pam Shriver and West German's Sylvia Hanika.

Navratilova broke Smith's serve four times and needed just 25 minutes to capture the first set. Smith, an accomplished doubles player, appeared nervous as she reached the singles finals of a major tournament for the first time in her four-year pro career.

Trailing three games to one in the first set, Smith made three unforced errors and Navratilova broke her serve to go up 4-1. In the second set, after Navratilova had broken her again in the first game, Smith played her best game of the match, breaking Navratilova and tying the score at 1-1.

Navratilova then picked up the tempo. With pinpoint ground strokes and an over-powering serve, she captured five of the next seven games to close out the set and the match.

The victory was worth \$40,000 to Navratilova and marks her fifth Avon series titles in the past 12 months. The winner set a single-season earning record in women's tennis last year with over \$865,000 in earnings. Meanwhile, Australian Dianne Fromholtz upset sixth-seeded Sue Barker of England in the first round of the \$150,000 Avon Tennis Championships in Cincinnati Monday night. Fromholtz won in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4.

In other evening matches, Bettina Bunge beat Kathy Horvath 6-3, 6-3; Mary Lou Piatek defeated Sharon Walsh 6-2, 6-2, and Leslie Allen took Wendy White 7-6, 6-1.

Ann Kiyomura and Sandy Collins won their first-round matches in afternoon play. Kiyomura defeated Betsy Nagelsen 6-1, 4-6, 7-6, and Collins beat Claudia Kohde of West Germany 7-5, 6-4.

Candy Reynolds defeated Jo Durie, of England, 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 and young Kathy Rinaldi beat Anne Hobbs, of England, 6-3, 6-4.

Kathy Rinaldi, 14, became the youngest person on the women's tour when she turned pro last July. She maintains a hectic schedule of tournament appearances, on-the-road schoolwork and periodic visits to her hometown high school. "I really enjoy the travel. I've gotten used to it, and I think it's fun. I've visited a lot of places all over the world," she said.

Rinaldi said she is more comfortable playing the baseline, but is trying to improve other aspects of her game. "My strength is my ground strokes, but I'm working to develop a good all-round game," she said. "It really helps to have a solid all-around game... If one part of your game isn't working, you can go to something else. And I have a lot more confidence in my serve."

Mark Thatcher's mystery deepens

PARIS, Jan. 12 (AP) — The organizers of the Paris-Dakar Car rally are still mystified over what has happened to Mark Thatcher, the 28-year-old son of the British Prime Minister.

Thatcher and French co-driver Charlotte Verney were missing in Southern Algeria Friday evening as they tackled the grueling sixth stage of the Rally over the Sahara Desert into Mali. Fears for their safety were growing when diplomatic sources in Algiers Monday reported that they had been found alive and well by a helicopter and were being airlifted into Mali to rejoin the Rally.

The Rally organizers, however, were still insisting Tuesday that they had received no news of Thatcher and were continuing an airplane search for his Peugeot-Dangel. A fellow competitor who had been with them said the Thatcher-Verney team had broken a rear axle near the Algeria-Mali border and that they were both in good health.

A radio message monitored in Paris said that an air-search for Thatcher and Verney had combed the inhospitable desert region around Timaneouine Tuesday, but had drawn a blank.



SKI-JORING BAVARIAN STYLE: Ski-joring is an old Norwegian winter sport in which skiers are drawn by horses. But in Bavaria, where the sport has a large following, the Bavarians have given it a slight twist by replacing the horses by speedway motorists.

Richard Lewis rallies from brink

AUCKLAND, Jan. 12 (AFP) — British Davis Cup representative Richard Lewis struggled to beat New Zealander Onny Parun in three sets in the \$105,000 Benson and Hedges Tennis Open here Tuesday.

The fifth-seeded Londoner won the two hour 50 minute marathon 5-7, 6-3, 12-10 in front of a capacity crowd at Stanley Street Stadium. Lewis was lucky in many respects because twice Parun had the match all but sewn up, only to let his opponent off the hook.

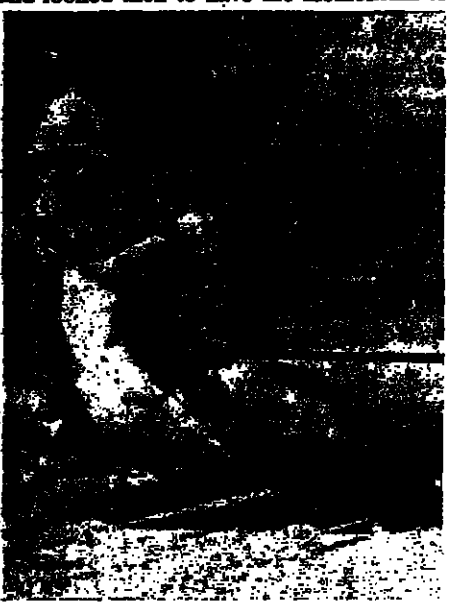
After clinching the first set with a service break in the 11th game, Parun held two break points in the ninth game of the second set to peg back his lost service earlier. But Lewis saved both vital points and went on to win 6-3.

Parun saved three break points at love-40 in the ninth game of the third advantage set and looked then to have the momentum to

March to victory. He also had three match points on Lewis' serve in the 16th game. However, Lewis managed to survive the crisis, break the 33-year-old Parun in the 21st game and serve out the match on his only match point in the 22nd.

Lewis' Davis Cup teammate Jonathon Smith did not have quite the same success in his first round clash against American Chris Mayotte. Like Lewis, Smith was coming straight from Australian grass to hard courts and the disadvantage was too much for him to overcome. He went down to Mayotte, a 1981 quarterfinalist here 6-1, 6-4.

Americans Chris Dunk and Mike Estep battled for more than two hours in another three-set first round match finally won by Dunk 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. Second seed Tim Wilkison had no work out in eliminating U.S. qualifier Dick Metz with a loss of only three games 6-0, 6-3.



Ingemar Stenmark... on way to glory

Stenmark claims second crown

BAD-WIESSEE, West Germany, Jan. 12 (AFP) — It was like old times in the Men's Alpine Skiing World Cup here Tuesday with Ingemar Stenmark coming from behind to win yet another Special Slalom.

Stenmark, former World Cup winner and reigning Olympic Slalom champion, has been having by his own high standards a poor year. He showed signs of revival at Morzine in the French Alps last week, winning the Giant Slalom to record his first World Cup success of the season.

And Tuesday he clocked times of 49.03 and 49.93 secs for a total 1:38.96 for first place ahead of first-leg leader Franz Gruber of Austria (1:39.33) and runaway World Cup leader Phil Mahre of the U.S. (1:39.76).

Stenmark was lying third after the first-leg behind Gruber and Mahre on a difficult icy course, with a succession of skiers failing to finish. On the second run, the Swede, going number three, was the only man to break fifty seconds and no-one could get near his total.

Third-placed Phil Mahre had reason to be happy, also. The Special Slalom is coupled with a Downhill at Kitzbühl over the weekend for combined points. The American leads the World Cup standings with 170 points.

Nasim's gallant knock not good enough

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — It was the case of so near, yet so far for Pak Saudi. In its opening engagement of the Alireza Cricket League, Pak Saudi came close to registering an exciting victory over Shalimar at the Oval Friday last.

But after coming nine runs within sight of its rival Shalimar's total of 204 for eight wickets, its hopes were dashed when the last pair's splendid revival was put to an end. Nasim, who came in at No. 8 when Pak Saudi was in trouble, was the dominant partner in the rally by the tailenders. His ally in the rally was Anis and these two added 57 runs before the fightback ended.

Shalimar won the toss and made first use of the pitch. The start was sedate with the openers Saleem (31) and Afaq (38) battling carefully against a consistent attack of Zaheer and Pervaiz. But the fall of these two saw

Shalimar losing three more wickets cheaply. However, Shalimar skipper Musheer (35) and Zahid (22) and a whirlwind 19 by Shaikat aided Shalimar to respectability. Shalimar totaled 204 for eight wickets in its 40 overs.

Pak Saudi began disastrously and was, at one stage, 89 for five wickets. But Nasim and Anis led a late revival to infuse excitement into the match. And only some fine bowling by Afaq, the former Pakistani Test cap, and Shaikat, who took four for 42 and four for 66 respectively, gained the day for Shalimar.

Honda began its league campaign in style. It registered a 101-run victory over Pak Jeddah. Batting first Honda lost two quick wickets. But Fazal (65) and Nadeem (30) steadied the innings, which was later consolidated by Shahid (22) and Nafar (36). Pak Jeddah, which did not secure a breakthrough after its earlier success, brought in stop-gap bowler Ashfaq. And he reaped a rich harvest. He

took seven wickets for 30 runs, but his effort came a bit too late. For by then Honda had reached 208. Pak Jeddah, however, fared badly in its batting also. Against the sustained attack of Nadeem (5 for 44) and Nafar (2 for 14) its middle caved in and was shot out for 105.

J.C.C. scored a six-wicket verdict over Indian Blues in the third match of the day. The Indians, taking first strike, were skittled out for a mere 100 with Nasser (37) and Khalid (27) propping the Indian innings. Debutant Arif was responsible for the early damage — he took the first four wickets for 30 runs — and Jawed (3 for 19) and Aslam (2 for 7) completed the rout.

The only time the Indian side looked like making a match of it was when it dismissed three J.C.C. batsmen for just two runs after the first-wicket pair, Zia (22) and Tariq (32), had also fallen. But Afzal, unbeaten with 32, stemmed the rout and saw his side through.

Splendid all-round performances by Gunasekera, Siddique

By a Staff Writer

DHAHRAN, Jan. 12 — Kushi Gunasekera turned in a fine all-round performance as batsmen ruled the roost in the UNENCO Marketing Slazenger Tournament conducted by the Eastern Province Cricket League last weekend.

Gunasekera's superb showing steered BAC to a 129-run victory over Al-Khobar Cricket XI at Dammam. BAC, making first use of the strip, piled up 259 for seven in its allotted 30 overs with Gunasekera scoring a dazzling 119.

He led BAC's run riot with Mohsin Bhajji assisting him with an unbeaten 75. Gunasekera capped a fine match with a good bowling performance too. He was the top wicket-taker for BAC, returning with four wickets for 15 runs, with Fahmi joining hands Al-Khobar could tally only 130 in reply with S. Kuly (49) and Arshad (33) offering token resistance.

Gunasekera's show was matched by another all-rounder. Naem Siddique displayed his mettle, both with the willow and the leather, to sparkle in Arabian Eagles' tenth consecutive victory. Arabian Eagles recorded a 150-run victory over visiting Aramco-Abqaiq. The Eagles, taking first strike, were soon racing toward a big target with Naem in full cry. He, however, fell after making 80 runs with his side's total at 153 and

still seven overs remaining. Humayoon Iqbal, making his debut in tournament matches, took a leaf out of Naem's book to slam a breezy 62 in 31 balls. His innings was punctuated with three sixes and seven hits to the fence. In between these two bright innings, a sedate 50 not out by Sami Khan was nearly eclipsed. These three were the backbone of Eagles' total of 244 for five wickets.

The way Aramco-Abqaiq, without three of its recognized batsmen, fared against Naem and Humayoon's attack was pathetic. Only Masood and Arif got into double figures with Naem picking up a vounty. Naem claimed six wickets for 14 runs with Humayoon's share being two wickets for 16.

Two things were of note in the Al-Quraysh match against Bechtel Jubail (BCCI), which the former won, at Jubail. Besides an all-round display by Alaudin taking five BCCI wickets for 25 runs and hitting a breezy 68 not out in Al-Quraysh's six-wicket victory, the participation of a father and son in a match and the advent of a Saudi Arabian into the tournament were the feature. Shakeel, the son of Al-Quraysh's captain Muzaffar Khokar, had a good debut, while Saudi Arabian Yusuf Ahmad Jamal excelled with his bat and on the field. BCCI was all out for 108 in 26 overs and Al-Quraysh passed the total in 18 overs.

In the most exciting tussle of the league last

weekend, YFCC scraped through by ten runs over Saulex at the latter's ground in Al-Khobar. YFCC managed 184 for eight wickets in its 30 overs. Though none of its batsmen crossed the half century mark, three of them pitched in with useful contributions. Anwar Haider led the three with 44 runs, with Syed Iqbal (35) and Ayjaz Ansari (33) lending support.

And when Saulex began its chase impressively, it looked like YFCC were headed for defeat. Till Shahid Hussain (73) and Laiq Ali (43) were battling it out in the middle Saulex's chances seemed bright. But with the exit of the two rate slumped and wickets also fell at regular interval.

Brief scores:
BAC CC 259 for 7 wks. in 30 overs (K. Gunasekera 119, M. Bhajji 75 n.o., Tariq 3 for 48, Naemuddin 2 for 30) beat Al-Khobar Cricket XI 130 in 22 overs (S. Kuly 49, Arshad 33, Kushi G. 4 for 15, Fahmi 3 for 46)

Bechtel Cricket Club Jubail 108 in 26 overs (Bryne 22, Collin Waernmouth 18, Alaudin 5 for 25, Idrees 2 for 9, Nayyar 2 for 24) lost to Al-Quraysh CC 110 for 4 wks. in 18 overs (Alaudin 63 n.o., Yusuf Ahmad Jamal 19, Majumdar 3 for 19)

YFCC 184 for 8 wks. in 30 overs (Anwar Haider 44, Syed Iqbal 35, Ayjaz Ansari 33, Jilani 2 for 32, Wajid 2 for 50) beat Saulex

Botham, Taylor doubtful starters

MADRAS, Jan. 12 (AP) — England, trailing 0-1 in the current six-Test cricket series against India, will make every effort to clinch the fifth Test starting Wednesday at Madras's Chepauk Stadium, English skipper Keith Fletcher said Tuesday.

The Chepauk wicket has an uneven top and is expected to help bowlers — seamers and spinners — by providing a lot of bounce. Since the pitch may take spin on the last two days, the toss could play an important role in either team's strategy. Fletcher won the toss in the last three Tests.

The two teams are to be announced just before the match begins. English star Ian Botham, reputed to be one of the best all-rounders in the world, and English wicket-keeper Bob Taylor were reported ill with virus infections.

The English side also has been weakened by the absence of Geoff Boycott.

Splendid all-round performances by Gunasekera, Siddique

CC 174 in 29.7 overs (Shahid Hussain 73, Laiq Ali 43, Akhtar Sheikh 3 for 29, Syed Iqbal 2 for 37, Dighazali 2 for 46)
UPM SFF 244 for 4 wks. in 30 overs (Dr. Beg 99, Iftikhar Chowdhury 94 n.o., Alvi 2 for 29) beat Juyamahir-Ras Tanura CC 159 in 23 overs (Saadullah 58, Asif Jaz 32, Alvi 22, Arif 5 for 31)

Bechtel Khobar Cricket Club 107 in 24.4 overs (Allen 26, Wood 16, Jabbar 3 for 31) lost to Saudia (EP) CC 108 for 4 wks. in 19.3 overs (Shahid Zaidi 40 n.o., Ashraf Motwalla 38 n.o., Sumil 3 for 31)

Arabian Eagles 244 for 5 wks. in 30 overs (Naem Siddique 80, Humayoon Iqbal 62, Sami Khan 50 n.o., Hassan Ali 29, Anjum 2 for 49) beat Aramco-Abqaiq CC 94 in 20.2 overs (Masood 24, Arif 21, Naem 6 for 14, Humayoon 2 for 16)

Abahsin GCC 204 for 6 wks. in 30 overs (Pervaiz 68 n.o., Shabbaz 39, Ahmad Waris 27, Bedar 26, Sukander 3 for 34, Nasir 2 for 35) lost to Arabian Gulf CC 206 for 5 wks. in 23.6 overs (Sajjad Shah 74, M. Akhtar 38 n.o., Misbah 31 n.o., Shabbaz 3 for 38)

Pepsi Cricket XI 194 for 9 wks. in 30 overs (Zulqar 47, Shafiqat 33, Arif Qureshi 31, Mubashir 3 for 23, Liaquat 2 for 4, Khalifa 2 for 43) beat SCECO Cricket Club 138 in 27 overs (Mubashir Nazir 55, Arif Hameed 20, Ashok 2 for 13, Jawed 2 for 17, Arif 2 for 21, Shafiqat 2 for 31)

Kuwaitis blacklist Belgian, Indian firms

KUWAIT, Jan. 12 (AP) — Kuwait's boycott of Israel Bureau has added a Belgian and an Indian company to its blacklist and extended a ban on several multinational companies. One British firm and a Singaporean ship were cleared.

According to Kuwait's official Gazette Tuesday:

The bureau is blacklisting the Paris and Monte Carlo subsidiaries of the U.S. firm Harry Winston Incorporated, after the ban was applying first to the mother company, for violating Israel Boycott Laws.

A ban previously imposed on dealings with the Japanese company Fuji Photo Film Limited will not be extended to 12 of its subsidiaries including Korea Xerox Company, China Investment and Trust Company and Taiwan Fuji Xerox Corporation. Other subsidiaries operating in Japan, Canada, Britain and Brazil will also be blacklisted.

The Belgian company SCI-Tex and all its subsidiaries were blacklisted after evidence was obtained that the Israeli company SCI-Tex is holding 94 percent of its shares. The Indian firm M. Manubhai and Company and its sister firm New Oriental Silk Mills Private Limited were blacklisted for importing nylon filament yarn from Israel.

The ban previously imposed on dealings with the Singaporean company Connell Brothers (Malaya) Limited was extended to its mother, the U.S. firm Connell Brothers

Company.

The Kuwait office removed from the blacklist the products of the British company W. and A. Gilbey Limited under the trade mark Gilbey after owners presented documentary evidence of non-dealings with the banned U.S. firm National Distillers Products Corporation. The Singaporean ship Meteor 2 has also been removed from the blacklist.

Athens cuts production to fight smog

ATHENS, Jan. 12 (R) — Industrial production in Athens is to be cut by a third and private cars will be driven on an odd-even number basis for the next two days to beat a cloud of pollution enveloping Athens, the government said Monday.

An announcement by the ministry of planning, housing and environment said atmospheric pollution threatening the capital and its port of Piraeus had reached dangerous levels. Central heating in all public and state controlled buildings with the exception of hospitals will be stopped for the same period, it said, and appealed to citizens to stop using central heating in houses and offices.

The announcement said the cause was industrial pollution, car exhaust and a sudden change in temperature that caused smog in the atmosphere to become trapped above the two cities.

U.S. steel firms file complaints about importers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 (AP) — Seven U.S. steel companies have filed complaints of unfair competition against steel firms from 11 foreign nations, most of them European.

The U.S. Department of Commerce also suspended trigger prices on steel imports, as was forecast by Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige Friday when he announced the American companies' planned action. The foreign competitors were accused of dumping (selling abroad at less than cost price) and illegally using government subsidies to lower prices of their exports.

The firms named were from West Germany, France, Belgium, Italy, the Netherlands, Britain, Luxembourg, Spain, Rumania, South Africa and Brazil. U.S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, Jones and Laughlin Steel, National Steel Republic Steel, Inland Steel and Cylops Steel filed the complaints.

To help in crisis Asian food bank mooted

BANGKOK, Jan. 12 (AP) — United Nations officials have proposed an Asia-wide food bank to help provide security from food shortages and to assist developing countries to dispose of grain surpluses in an unstable world market.

Executive secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP), S.A.M.S. Kibria, said Monday similar proposals for buffer stocks of commodities were now under detailed study, and some Asian countries were registering more frequent food surpluses.

The ESCAP proposal for an Asian food bank will be discussed by its agricultural committee, composed of officials of member

countries throughout Asia and the Pacific, at a one-week session here beginning Tuesday. Recommendations will be submitted to ESCAP's general session in March.

A study prepared by the ESCAP secretariat for the meeting says, "The world may be becoming more dependent on grain imports just when supplies will be more variable, when output may respond more slowly to increases in demand and when additional supplies could be more costly to obtain."

The 1981 bumper crop in Asia should not lull developing countries into a false sense of security. Failure of the monsoon this year could wipe out the entire gain in no time," the secretariat said.

U.K. rail staff set on strike

LONDON, Jan. 12 (AP) — A national two-day railroad strike was due to begin at midnight Tuesday in what financially strapped British Rail described as a "tragic" confrontation with the network's 27,400 locomotive engineers over flexible working shifts.

The executive of the drivers' union, the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen, decided to go ahead with the strike after last-minute talks with the management broke down late Monday. In addition, drivers will refuse to work on the next two Sundays, shut the railroad for another

two days next week, and then consider an indefinite total shutdown, a union spokesman said.

British Rail Chairman Sir Peter Parker said the strike by ASLEF — the only one of the three major rail unions involved in the dispute — was tragic.

The strike will mean havoc for freight on the 11,200-km network and for British Rail's 2 million passengers a day — half of them commuters in the crowded south of England. British Rail said it would run down services Tuesday evening, with no trains after 10 P.M. (200 GMT).

Bad lube dealers face legal steps

MANAMA, Jan. 12 (AP) — The Esso and Shell oil companies were reported Tuesday to have initiated legal action against an unnamed company which used their names to export "huge quantities" of bad motor oil to the United Arab Emirates.

A U.A.E. Ministry of Petroleum spokesman was quoted by *Al-Khaleej* newspaper as saying that the names of other oil majors

were used in the fraudulent operation. Only Esso and Shell were contacted, the spokesman said. No further details were given. The two companies had denied any connection with the bad oil deal and said that they will sue those responsible. *Al-Khaleej*'s report was distributed here by the Gulf News Agency.

Iceland's fish industry faces crisis

REYKJAVIK, Jan. 12 (APF) — The Icelandic fishing fleet and fish processing industry have been at a standstill since Jan. 4 and the Icelandic crown has not been officially quoted since Jan. 5.

Boat owners and factories stopped work to back a demand that the government raise the price of fish without delay, affirming that they are working at a loss. Fish accounts for 75 percent of Iceland's exports. Any rise in prices means the crown is devalued pro rata. But the government is refusing to devalue it before the fish price is fixed, with the result that there is no official exchange rate.

Urgent transactions are being conducted with a premium of 12 percent, which analysts suppose will be the eventual devaluation percentage. They also thought the fishing boat owners and the government may well agree on a 16 percent increase in the fish price.

Analysts believe the government could decide a devaluation of around 10 percent, followed by a depreciation of six further

points over a three-month period. Inflation in Iceland is generally expected to be around 55 percent this year as against last year's 42 percent, unless drastic remedial steps are adopted.

The government has to allow for the views of the Agrarian Party which dislikes the present system of automatic wage indexing, and is calling for a drop in wage-earners' purchasing power. The Communist People's Alliance, close to the trade unions, wants living standards to be maintained.

Some 13,000 persons are affected by the present stoppage, but this has not given rise to major labor problems since the fishing industry is accustomed to seasonal factors including periods without work. The fishing community's income is tied to fish prices and not indexed to inflation as in the case of wage-earners. The country as a whole has so far been willing to accept high inflation as the price of full employment.

'Australia energy plan delayed'

PERTH, Jan. 12 (R) — The second and third stages of Australia's largest energy program, an \$8 billion (U.S.\$9 billion) offshore natural gas scheme, will be delayed, one of the developers said Tuesday.

Woodside Petroleum said it would put off design and construction work on the second and third production platforms until sales contracts with Japanese customers are finalized. Eight Japanese power companies signed letters of intent last year to buy six million tons of liquefied natural gas a year from 1986. Talks with them are continuing, Wood-

side said.

Industrial sources said Woodside and its partners developing the scheme to extract gas from Australia's north-west shelf have so far been unable to persuade the Japanese companies to sign firm contracts because the current world oil glut has held prices steady and lessened demand for alternative fuels.

Although Woodside would not say how long the delay will be, industry sources said it would be for at least one year, postponing full production to 1987 at the earliest.

Dollar scales new high

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Jan. 12 — The dollar rose to highest levels yet against virtually all other European currencies, with the exchange markets seemingly confident Tuesday that U.S. dollar interest rates would continue to remain firm. Despite Federal Reserve Bank of New York intervention Monday night to ease "Fed Funds" rates, Tuesday the European money markets reported a renewed surge of demand for dollars. The British pound and the German mark were hard hit, but the Swiss franc also fell back on reported dollar purchases by the Swiss Central Bank which was fearful of letting the gap between the mark and the Swiss currency widen too much in favor of the Swiss franc. Gold fell to a new two year low of \$385 per ounce in New York Monday night, but Tuesday some buying pressure creep in to take prices to \$388/389 per ounce.

On the local markets, rial deposit rates continued their week long firming trend and rates went up by between another 1/2 to 3/4 percent, especially in the short tenors. Dealers reported some sizeable dollar demand from importers and Bahraini based money brokers reported a rise in interbank transaction activities.

On Tuesday, the focus of attention was the European exchanges, where the dollar registered some rapid and significant gains against almost all other currencies. The British pound fell back by more than 3 cents to trade at 1.8730 levels from 1.9030 on Monday.

The markets were unduly worried about the coming national railway strike as well as released economic data which showed a fifth consecutive monthly rise in British wholesale prices despite the fact that manufactured raw material inputs were lower.

The German mark fell back to 2.2970 levels Tuesday, despite some limited Bundesbank support. Once again the German Central

Bank has decided to adopt a policy of waiting and seeing on the sidelines and hoping that the present dollar interest rate "mania" would die out.

In other currency news, the French franc fell back to 5.8330 levels from 5.7700 on Monday, while the Swiss franc also fell back to 1.8650 levels. The Japanese yen, which seemed to have started 1982 on a promising note as an alternative "hard currency" to the dollar, was also weaker at 223.90 from 222.60 levels the previous day. With the dollar strong in Europe, the local spot rial/dollar rate also firmed to close at 3.4215-20 by close of business. Dealers said that few deals were done about the 08-12 levels though and that institutions were still cautious on the whole, waiting to see if the dollar's performance was sustainable for a few days more.

In the local money markets, rial deposit rates remained firm with slight rises of between 1/2 and 3/4 percent recorded in the short tenors. This is quite reasonable and shows that the local markets were not panicked into jacking up their rates as soon as the dollar rose on the European exchanges.

Rial liquidity continues to flow into the market at regular intervals thus avoiding erratic fluctuations in rates. The one month JIBOR rate opened at 10-10 1/2 percent in Jeddah, but by close of business, dealers were quoting 11-11 1/2 percent for the same tenor. Week fixed is now standing at 9 1/2-10 1/2 percent, a 1/2 percent rise over Monday levels, while no change was recorded for the one year, still at 12 1/2-12 3/4 percent.

Closing gold prices (in U.S. dollars per troy ounce):
London 389.00
Paris 394.85
Frankfurt 391.00
Zurich 389.50
Hong Kong 390.59

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 8:00 a.m. Tuesday

	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar	9.00	9.08
Bangladesh Taka	—	14.90
Belgian Franc (1,000)	—	86.10
Canadian Dollar	—	24.50
Deutsche Mark (100)	149.50	149.30
Dutch Guilder (100)	136.25	136.10
Egyptian Pound	3.50	3.95
Emirates Dirham (100)	93.00	93.15
French Franc (100)	59.00	58.80
Greek Drachma (1,000)	55.00	58.35
Indian Rupee (100)	—	37.25
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	6.50	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	28.20	27.90
Japanese Yen (1,000)	—	15.35
Jordanian Dinar	10.07	10.03
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.10	12.075
Lebanese Lira (100)	73.40	73.15
Moroccan Dirham (100)	60.50	64.45
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	42.25
Pound Sterling	6.47	6.43
Qatari Rial (100)	94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	166.95
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	34.45
Swiss Franc (100)	184.00	183.80
Syrian Lira (100)	58.30	63.70
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.429	3.422
Yemeni Rial (100)	75.00	74.90

Selling Price Buying Price
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The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6420932, Jeddah.

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Saudi Telephone	Supply of 0.8 mm wire cable for external installation.	310280	100	18-1-82
Dammam Municipality	Spreading of insecticide in Dammam for a year	—	500	23-1-82
Al-Asyah Municipality	Temporary surfacing in Al-Asyah	2615/41/11	500	6-2-82

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arr.
RoRo	Villa de Dunkerque	Shobolshi	Containers	11-1-82
4	Amali	El Hawi	Sesame Seeds/Bears	9-1-82
5	Giannakis	Star	Durra	6-1-82
6	Ibn Malik	Kanoo	Contra/Steel/Gen.	7-1-82
7	Condorcordia Star	Alsbah	Contra/Meal/Gen./lub.	9-1-82
8	Gran Canaria	Star	Bagged Durra	8-1-82
10	Al Rahman S.A.M.A.	Durra/Sesame	Seeds	3-1-82
11	Dobrota	Algozabi	Bagged Barley	3-1-82
12	Pinetopi	El Hawi	Bagged Sugar	3-1-82
15	Charlotta	Shobolshi	Containers/Gen.	11-1-82
16	Kawachi Maru	Alireza	Containers	11-1-82
18	Medcement Carrier	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	2-1-82
19	Jili Cord	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	9-1-82
20	Atalaya	Gulf	Timber/Cement/Gen.	9-1-82
21	Mir	Attar	Bagged Sugar	11-1-82
22	Wanderer	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	4-1-82
23	Crmmitschau	Shobolshi	Containers	11-1-82
24	Meltem Universal	Star	Reefer	30-12-81
Treasure Island	A.E.T.	General	General	12-1-82
38	Finlith	S.C.S.A.	General	8-1-82
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41	Zoe II	El Hawi	Tiles/Timber/Gen.	8-1-82
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2	Kapo Distrias	SEA	Barley	31-12-81
3	Quartz	Alsaada	Gen/Soda Ash	10-1-82
6	The Daisy	Kanoo	Steel Products	6-1-82
8	Liancan Jiang	Orri	Loading Urea	6-1-82
15	Pavlovsk	Kanoo	General	9-1-82
18	Azthos	SMC	General	11-1-82
19	See Dada	Gulf	Steel Pipes	7-1-82
20	Ahmed Al Fateh	Kanoo	General	9-1-82
24	Panchabab	Orri	General	12-1-82
27	Tarifa	Barber	Contra/RoRo	11-1-82
28	Albadr	UEP	Rice/Gen	8-1-82
29	Kimshinge	Kanoo	General	9-1-82
30	Hannah Lu	Gosaibi	Contra/Gen	10-1-82
35	Wuliang	Orri	General	11-1-82
36	Arumonia (D.B.)	Alsbah	Bulk Cement	11-1-82
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Schmidt's surprise visit Polish crisis talks set in Paris today

PARIS, Jan. 12 (R) — French President Francois Mitterrand and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt met here Wednesday for a surprise summit expected to promote a common front over the Polish crisis.

The two governments, key members of the 10-member European Common Market, have been at odds since the military government took control in Poland on Dec. 13.

Government officials in Bonn and Paris confirmed the meeting would take place in the French capital Wednesday. The spokesmen said the talks fell outside the regular twice-yearly summits between the two countries.

Official sources said Schmidt would fly to

U.N. space plan estimated at \$5m

UNITED NATIONS, Jan. 12 (AP) — A program of space-related activities to be recommended to the upcoming Unispace 82 conference in Vienna would cost about \$5 million a year, a planning committee has been told.

Conference secretary-general Yash Pal of India said the program, recommended by a preparatory committee, includes expansion of space applications, studies by an advisory board of experts and fellowships for training in space subjects.

Financing for the programs could come from a voluntary fund which would receive pledges at the conference, Pal said.

For illegal deals Court indicts Gandhi aide

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12 (AP) — In a major blow to Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's rule, the Bombay High Court found Tuesday that the chief minister of Maharashtra state had illegally required cash donations for releasing cement quotas. The embattled official immediately offered to resign.

The verdict in a case brought by three political opponents went against A.R. Antulay, a leader of Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party and the top elected official of the western Indian state. Critics and some newspapers had accused Antulay of extorting millions of dollars from the wealthy Bombay. Antulay said he had called Bombay press conference after the verdict by Justice B. Lentin that his resignation had been with Mrs. Gandhi for several months since the scandal broke, and that he had urged her to forward it to state governor, O.P. Mehra, for acceptance.

"In view of (the verdict), I very earnestly and humbly request the prime minister to send immediately an observer to elect a new

Press hints at breakthrough Italians keep quiet on Dozier abduction

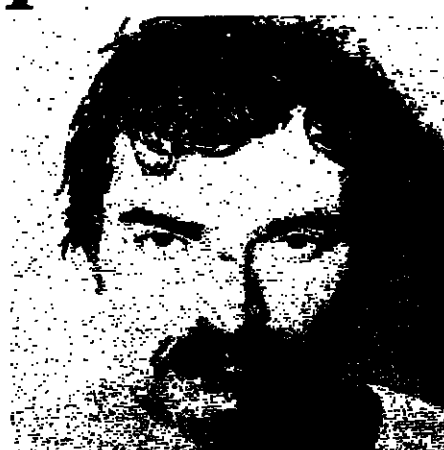
ROME, Jan. 12 (AFP) — Three days have passed since the arrest of Giovanni Senzani, an alleged leader of the Red Brigades, but neither police nor the Brigades themselves have made any statement — either to react to Saturday's raid or to give new information on the abduction of U.S. Brig. Gen. James Dozier.

Some sources said the police silence may indicate that Senzani gave information on Gen. Dozier, who was kidnapped from his Verona apartment on Dec. 17. The Red Brigades claimed that abduction.

Italian newspapers said Verona officials had received a tip that could lead to "spectacular" results, and that police were intensifying their identification checks around Brescia, 60 kms (36 miles) west of Verona.

But at the same time, sources were saying that police had not yet established any ties between the Rome section of the Red Brigades and the group that carried out the kidnapping.

A document found on Franca Musa, a Red Brigades member who was also arrested during the weekend, at first had



SUSPECT TERRORIST: Alleged Red Brigades leader Giovanni Senzani, Florence University criminology professor, after his arrest Saturday. The police released the photograph Monday.

front" within the Red Brigades, informed sources said.

Meanwhile, the kidnapers have remained silent. A statement purporting to come from the kidnapers last arrived on Jan. 6, nearly a week ago.

Some commentators said this appeared unusual because of the capture of the Red Brigades leaders. No reaction to that police action has been received. Police also were quiet on the Dozier kidnapping, but gave further details on last Saturday's raid.

They said that in addition to the air-to-ground missiles, bazookas, portable rockets, explosives, ammunition and anti-tank rockets, they found precise attack plans aimed at high-security prisons. The bazookas and air-to-ground missiles were to serve that purpose, police said.

Prime Minister Giovanni Spadolini, meanwhile, denounced "links existing between international and Italian terrorism" in a speech before parliament, but made no specific proposals for measures against the Italian terrorist groups.

Despite a legacy of costly failure Exile brigade preparing to 'liberate' Haiti

MIAMI, Florida, Jan. 12 (AP) — South Florida's shores, the launching ground for dozens of unsuccessful invasions and raids in the 1960s, have simmered anew in the past year with plots by exiles who dream of returning to their homelands as acclaimed liberators. Their optimism for the future glosses over a legacy of costly failure.

The Haitian military Sunday said it is concerned about the vanguard of an invasion force on the island of Tortuga. Monday, Haitian exiles in Miami claimed that the invasion aimed at ousting the Duvalier regime "is not over."

In the Florida Everglades, an "inter-American defense force" includes American teenagers, former members of the Nicaraguan army and veterans of the failed 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba train in commando tactics on weekends and claims to stand ready to ignite revolutions in Nicaragua and Cuba.

In Miami, the veteran anti-Castro organization Alpha 66 claims to be carrying out its year-old "Maximo Gomez" plan for Cuban insurrection. Last July, the Cuban government reported the capture of five Miami-launched commandos on a Cuban beach. Such groups are invariably marked by strident rhetoric, disputed claims of unofficial U.S. government support and boasts of widespread underground support within the target nation.

Bernard Sansaricq, a 37-year-old Florida gasoline station owner, claimed to have landed several hundred armed men on the island of Tortuga over the weekend. Haitian government officials said "four to eight" rebels were chased into the island's hills Sunday.

Sansaricq reportedly left south Caicos, nearly 160 kms north of Haiti, late Sunday with 20 men aboard a sloop bound for Tortuga.

Sansaricq had openly talked of his invasion plans for months, according to leaders of south Florida's Haitian exile community of more than 50,000. The Haitian native himself was involved in two 1960s failed plots against the Duvalier regime, which turned back several such threats in the 1960s after the late President Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier established a dictatorship in 1957.

Several small invasion forces were captured or slain on the beaches of the impoverished Caribbean island in those years. One group included two ex-Dade County, Florida, deputy sheriffs, who were killed.

The last major reported Haitian invasion plot collapsed in 1967 when 73 Haitian and Cuban exiles headed by former Cuban Sen. Rolando Masferrer were arrested at a Florida Keys base. The group had hoped to take over Haiti, then establish a base of anti-Castro operations. The huge influx of Haitian exiles into south Florida in the last three years apparently has given new life to invasion plots aimed at toppling President-for-life Jean-Claude Duvalier.

Last January, some 40 Haitians rented a home in the Palm Beach County suburb of Lantana where they drilled with broomsticks under the unlikely tutelage of Thor Hansen, a Norwegian-born, one-time leader of the Outlaws motorcycle gang, and a Canadian professor named Nguyen Huu Chi, a former provincial governor of South Vietnam.

The group broke up, with some Haitians claiming that they were filming a movie and Hansen claiming that they were training for a Central Intelligence Agency-supported invasion of Haiti.

Anti-Castro activity has also stepped up again in Miami after the 1980 Cuban boatlift influx of some 125,000 refugees and reports of worsening economic troubles on the Communist island 145 kms south of Florida. The U.S. government has consistently denied any backing of such groups.

Federal Bureau of Investigation spokesman Weldon Merry, who said Monday that the State Department has asked for an investigation of Sansaricq for possible Neutrality Act violations, said the inter-American defense force and Alpha 66 have also been under investigation.

However, federal officials say that prosecution is difficult under the Neutrality Act of 1794, which forbids a military attack against a nation with which the United States is not at war. "It is not illegal to have military exercises, guys running around the fields with guns," said Thomas Enders, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs.

Seven members of Alpha 66 were arrested in January, 1981, on federal firearms charges after their weapons-laden boat was stopped off the Florida Keys.

But Haig was quoted as adding that "The Soviets will bear responsibility if what they are doing with respect to Poland damages the prospects for success in arms control negotiations."

Haig said earlier in Washington that the Geneva talks constituted a special category of East-West relations, and must be dealt with outside the general framework of East-West relations.

By agreement with the Soviet delegation, U.S. spokesmen made no substantive comment on Tuesday's agenda. But they indicated unofficially they expected the sessions to continue alternating twice a week as before between the Soviet and American missions at either end of the Avenue de la Paix (Avenue of Peace).

The main object of the talks is to work out a deal limiting both sides' medium-range nuclear weapon systems on the continent. Concern about an escalation in nuclear arsenals has led to huge public protests in west European cities.

President Reagan's basic offer is to drop plans to deploy 572 new Pershing and Cruise missiles in several NATO countries if Moscow dismantles all the SS-20, SS-4 and SS-5 launchers it has already installed in eastern Europe. The Soviet Union would like other forward-based U.S. weapons, as well as British and French delivery systems, to be brought into the negotiations.

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Council

to improve the productivity of workers and their standards of living.

The bureau was requested to probe the effect of foreign nannies in the structure of the Arab family in the Gulf. The bureau will cooperate with the Arab Educational Bureau to carry out the studies. The results will be submitted to the council's forthcoming session.

The council highlighted the importance of exchanging visits between social and labor experts of concerned ministries to share expertise and get acquainted with experiments carried out by any side.

The secretary general's report also has specified previous resolutions and recommendation of social services for Gulf children and the council urged their implementation.

The ministers and participating delegations sent cables of thanks to King Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd "for the warm welcome" extended to them. The cables were sent by Labor and Social Affairs Minister Sheikh Ibrahim Al-Anqari on their behalf.

The council also expressed gratitude to Riyadh Governor Prince Salman and cable support to the Ruler of Bahrain Sheikh Issa bin Salman Al-Khalifa against the subversive activities directed toward his country.

Talal

existence with encouragement from King Khaled, Crown Prince Fahd and other heads of state in the Gulf region, he added.

Prince Talal said the purpose of his visits is to stir the public opinion to give necessary concern for the UNICEF programs toward the child and the mother. The aim is also to draw the attention of the international community towards the fact that there are more than one billion children and hundreds of millions of mothers suffering from poverty, hunger and backwardness, while 15 million children die every year as a result of stark poverty.

Prince Talal said that Saudi Arabia has given much to help the program and hoped that other countries would feel convinced of the utility of these funds. The program has successfully countered the propaganda that the Gulf states lacked in their role toward the humanitarian and developmental organizations, he said. AG fund has given the UNICEF \$40 million, of which \$25 million came from the Gulf states and the remainder as donation from the private sector and individuals.

He said that the lack of funds, which actually came down from \$73 million to \$50 million during the past three years, compelled them to cut down the planned programs.

Japan to boost defense capacity

TOKYO, Jan. 12 (AP) — Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki Tuesday instructed Defense Agency chief Soichiro Ito to give top priority to improvement of air and maritime self-defense forces in building up the nation's defense capacity.

Kyodo News Service said Suzuki said it was necessary to cope with the growing demands on Japan as one of the world's leading maritime powers.

Suzuki stressed that the planned 7.754 percent increase in defense spending for fiscal 1982 — to a level of 2,586.1 billion yen (about \$11.67 billion) — should not be considered a reaction to current mounting international tension.

Instead, he said, the budgetary increase in defense spending should be regarded as part of Japan's buildup scheduled under a mid-term defense program ending later this year, Kyodo said.

Suzuki also instructed Ito to take "prudent measures" in working out a draft revision of various domestic laws to be applied to defense force activities in the event of an emergency. Kyodo said, Suzuki explained his theory of national defense, which he said was most suitable for a maritime nation like Japan, Kyodo said.

Under it, Japan would possess sufficient defensive power to make an enemy force pay a prohibitive price for any attempted landing on Japanese soil, it said.

Indian Marxist dies

NEW DELHI, Jan. 12 (AP) — Jyotirmoy Basu, 61, a senior leader of India's Marxist Communist Party, died Tuesday of a heart attack in Jaipur city, where he had gone to attend a parliamentary committee meeting.

A member of the ruling lower house of parliament for 15 years, Basu was reputed to be one of the country's most skilled parliamentarians.

Basu, who is survived by his wife and a son, joined the British colonial army in India during World War II and served as a battery captain of an anti-aircraft regiment and later as field regiment captain of the Royal Artillery in Britain during 1952-54. He returned to India to work as a tea taster and joined the Communist movement. Basu had recently toured China.

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